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Where it all began...

Drexel University College of Medicine
In the tradition of Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania and Hahnemann Medical College

Office of Admissions

Dear Applicant,

The Medical Student Admissions Committee of Drexel University College of Medicine is pleased to offer you a position in the first year class entering in August 2004. We congratulate you for this outstanding achievement.

We are confident that you will perform well and develop to your full potential in the medical school environment. Your medical education will be a pertnership between you and the institution. We share in the satisfaction you must feel at this time and look forward to your future successes.

Your matriculation is contingent upon the successful completion of the academic work outlined in your application. You must inform us immediately of any changes in your academic program and obtain approval for such changes. Required courses cannot be waived.

Information regarding financial aid, orientation, and other services will be forthcoming. If you have any questions of concerns, please call the Office of Admissions at (215) 991-8202. Your phone call will be directed to the appropriate office.

Again, the committee and I extend our congratulations to you on this accomplishment and wish you the best in your future endeavors.

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Hahnemann

Founders of Hahnemann Medical College:
Constantine Hering, Jacob Jeanes, and Walter Williamson

October 1, 1848: The Homeopathic Medical College opens its doors for the first time. Tuition is $140 per student for a 2 year program. There were a total of 7 faculty and attendance was mandatory. Also, each student was required to complete a thesis to graduate. The Medical College was located at the rear of 229 Arch Street in Philadelphia

1865: The faculty votes to allow women to sit *outside* lecture halls and listen, but women were not permitted to enroll as students.

1869: The Homeopathic Medical College is re-named in honor of Samuel Hahnemann, a pioneer in Homeopathic Medicine.

1893: Dr. Rufus Weaver received the gold medal at the Columbia World Fair Exhibition in Chicago for his dissection of the human nervous system, affectionately named "Harriet".

1900's: Sports Cry!
Succus, entericus, gastric, bile:
Auricles, ventricles, sigmoid, chyle:
MDC, CCC:
Hahnemann, Hahnemann:
Rah Rah Ree!

1928: Greater Hahnemann Hospital, a 738 bed-20 story hopstial, currently the South Tower, was built for $2.5 million dollars. It was the first high rise teaching hospital in the USA

1940: Dr. George Geckler (1919 Alumnus) produced the first phonographic recording of human heart sounds. He also later designed the "walk through heart" at The Franklin Institute.

University

1941: Women medical students were admitted to Hahnemann Medical College

1948: Dr. Charles Bailey (1932 Alumnus), Chief of Thoracic Surgery, performed the world's first successful valvular surgery within the human heart, a mitral valve commisurotomy.

1959: The last homeopathic elective was dropped from the curriculum at Hahnemann. Hahnemann Medical College was the last homeopathic school in the country.

1969: Hahnemann Hospital was the first hospital in the US to install a completely automated Emergency Command System (Code 99 - Cardiac Arrest)

August 11, 1981: Hahnemann Medical College gained University status as Hahnemann University with 4 fully accredited Schools:
School of Medicine
School of Allied Health
School of Continuing Education
The Graduate School

1998: Hahnemann celebrated its seqsquicentennial, 150 years of medical education.

Medical College

Woman's Medical College Class of 1888

October 12, 1850: The Female Medical College of Pennsylvania, established by Philadelphia Quakers, opened its doors becoming the first school in the world to offer the medical degree to women. Tuition was $80 per student for a 2 year proram. Classes started for the 8 candidates at the rear of 229 Arch Street in Philadelphia, Hahnemann's old Medical Building.

Classroom, 1900

1865: Dr. Ann Preston, Alumnus of first class, was named Dean of the Female Medical College after serving as a Professor of Physiology and Hygiene for 12 years. She was the first woman to become a professor in a medical school and to become a dean of a medical college in the United States.

1867: The Female Medical College of Pennsylvania is renamed the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania in accordance with the popular notion that "female" is an undignified expression.

1881: 30 year anniversary - Gradutes:
>60% combined general & Ob/Gyn Practices
1.6% Surgeons
4% abandoned medicine for family reasons
33% accepted in medical societies

1893 Anatomy Lab

Dr. Ann Preston

1928 Anatomy Lab

# of Pennsylvania

1929: The Woman's Medical College Hospital was built in East Falls.

1938: Dr. Caterine MacFarlane (1898 Alumnus), Professor of Gynecology, initiates prospective study aimed at determining whether yearly exams of asymptomatic women could detect early cervical cancer. She recieved considerable acclaim and was published in JAMA and The American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

1969-1970: The Board of Corporators approves the admission of men after a heated debate. The Woman's Medical College was subsequently renamed Medical College of Pennsylvania.

1971: The nation's first postgraduate training program in Emergency Med is initiated under David Wagner, MD at MCP.

1992: MCP offers a new problem-based curriculum, the "Program for Integrated Learning". At the time, it is the only such curriculum among the Philadelphia Medical Schools.

2000: The Medical College of Pennsylvania celebrates its sesquicentennial.

President and Faculty of MCP 1850

1929 Construction at MCP

Clinical Lab in Woman's Hospital

Chemistry Lab at Woman's Hospital

1929 Freshman Picnic

The Honored History of Drexel Univeristy College of Medicine

1850
The Female Medical College

1867
Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania

1969
Medical College of Pennsylvania

1848
The Homeopathic Medical College

1869
Hahnemann Medical College

1982
Hahnemann University

1992
MCP-Hahnemann School of Medicine

2002
Drexel University College of Medicine
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Aesculapian: What Does It Mean??

So, you've just opened the first pages of your beautiful new 2008 yearbook, and you must be wondering, "What kind of name is *The Aesculapian*, how do I pronounce it, and what in the world does it mean?"

Aesculapius: as-klee'-pee-uhs

Actually, the origin of the title is both fascinating and very appropriate for a yearbook that commemorates the many wonderful medical school memories of Drexel University College of Medicine 2008 graduates.

The word "Aesculapian" refers to a very important demigod in Greek mythology, **Aesculapius**. According to a legend, Aesculapius was the son of the god Apollo and the nymph Coronis. Apollo saw that his child was educated by the centaur Chiron, who taught Aesculapius to become a skillful Greek healer. In fact, Aesculapius became so adept in surgery and in the use of medical plants, that he was frequently referred to as "**the god of medicine and healing.**" Shrines and temples, at which the sick would worship and seek cures for their ailments, were erected throughout Greece.

Aesculapius had two daughters who helped tend the ill at the temples; Hygeia and Panacea. Hygeia whose name meant "health" is reflected in our modern word "hygiene". Panacea's name meant "all-healing".

It was reported that Aesculapius believed snakes to be sacred and powerful symbols of healing, and kept the serpents at his temples. The wooden staff of Aesculapius, always bearing a coiled serpent, soon became the traditional symbol of medicine, health, and wisdom still used today. The symbol today is referred to as the **caduceus**. What became of Aesculapius? Unfortunately, some feared Aesculapius' healing power. Most notably, Hades, the god of the Underworld, feared that Aesculapius could restore the dead to life with his powerful healing arts. After Hades shared his concern with Zeus, who also feared the possibility that Aesculapius could transform humans into god-like immortals, Aesculapius was struck with a mighty thunderbolt which ended his life.

Although Aesculapius met an unfortunate end, have no fear; his legend will endure. As we graduate from medical school, we will continue to foster the tradition of Aesculapius, learning and practicing the healing arts of medicine.

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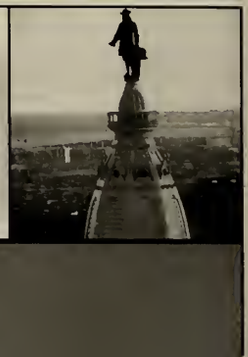

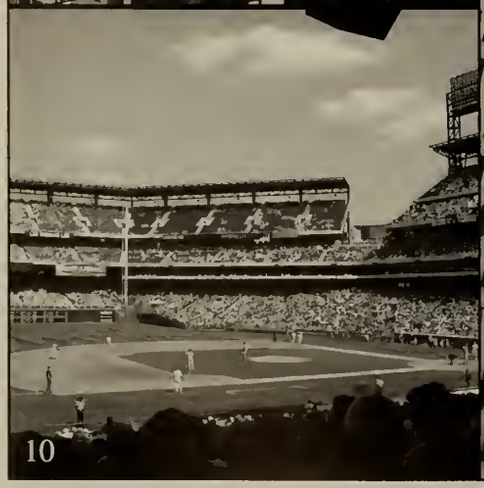

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A PITTSBURGH ORIGINAL

It is a pleasure to welcome you to Monmouth Medical Center, the New Jersey campus of the Drexel University College of Medicine. For more than 100 years, Monmouth Medical Center has been the leader in central New Jersey providing the best in health care and the latest in medical technology. Monmouth is New Jersey's largest community teaching hospital, where physicians work as a team dedicated to academic excellence, clinical competence, and comprehensive and compassionate care.

All members of the faculty and staff share my welcome and expectations that through your associations and experiences, you will receive the knowledge and skills to become one of tomorrow's highly trained and caring physicians.

Best wishes to you while at Monmouth Medical Center.

Joseph Jaeger, M.P.H.
Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs
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MONMOUTH

As part of the largest healthcare system in New Jersey, the St. Barnabas Health Care System, Monmouth Medical Center is a 527-bed community hospital located in east central New Jersey. With over 15,700 inpatient admissions, 41,600 emergency room visits, 3,000 outpatient surgeries, 3,200 deliveries, and 124,000 outpatient visits, Monmouth Medical Center provides all levels of care to the residents of Monmouth County. Monmouth Medical Center sponsors eight independent residency training programs; diagnostic radiology, internal medicine, general surgery, pediatrics, pathology, orthopedic surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, and dental medicine. Third-year medical students may take required clerkships in medicine, family medicine, surgery, psychiatry, pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology. Fourth-year students have available all required selectives as well as numerous electives. Monmouth Medical Center has been an affiliate of the School of Medicine for nearly 30 years.

AFFILIATE SITES

Abington Memorial Hospital
Allegheny General Hospital
Crozer Chester Med Center
Easton Hospital
Friends Hospital
Hahnemann University Hospital
Holy Redeemer Hospital
Lehigh Valley Hospital
Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital
Monmouth Medical Center
Pinnacle Health Hospitals
Reading Hospital and Med Center
Saint Peter's University Hospital
St Christophers Hosp for Children
York Hospital

Easton Hospital

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SAINT PETER'S UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
For you. For your family. For life.

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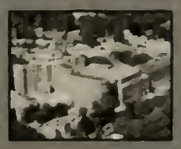


Abington Memorial Hospital

Crozer Chester Medical Center

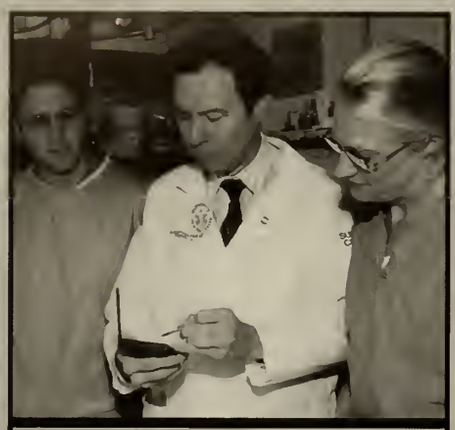
Harrisburg Hospital

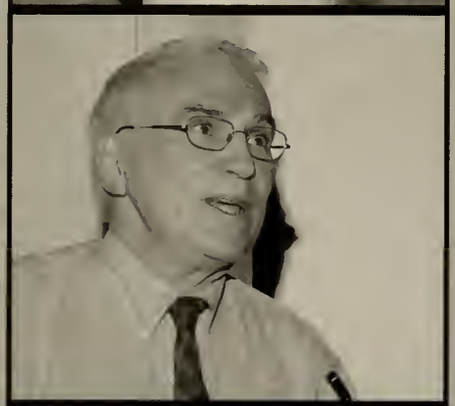
St Christophers Hospital for Children

More Affiliate Sites

Bryn Mawr Hospital
Bayhealth Medical Center
Eagleville Hospital
Altoona Family Practice
Bensalem Family Health Center
Chestnut Hill Healthcare
Coventry Residency
Warminster/Manayunk
Guthrie Family Practice
Lancaster General Hospital
Mountainside Family Practice
Overlook Hospital
St Lukes Family Practice
Somerset Family Practice
St Vincent Family Practice
Underwood Memorial
Washington Hospital
Western PA Hospital-Forbes
Williamsport Hospital
Wyoming Valley Family Practice

They taught us what we needed to know, and helped us get to where we are today. They listened to our complaints and gave us reasons to keep going...





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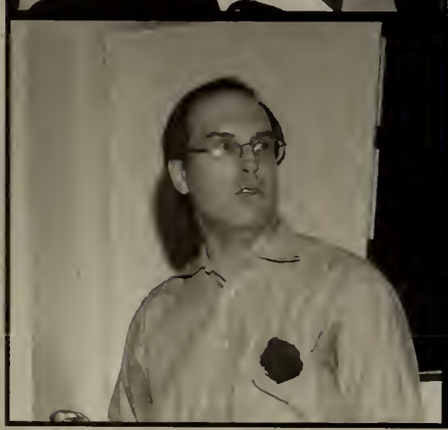

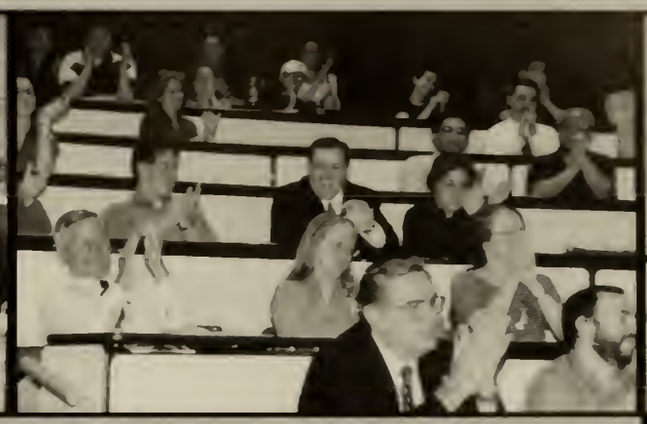

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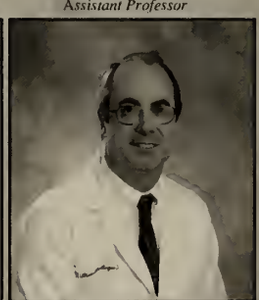
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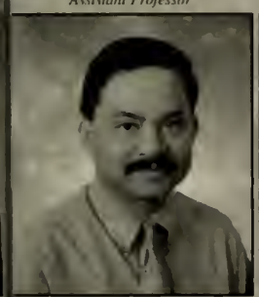

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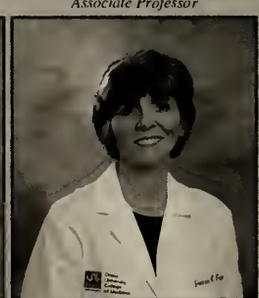

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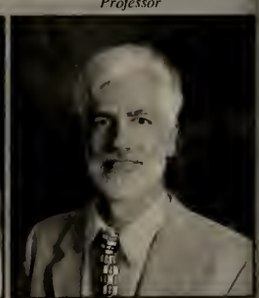

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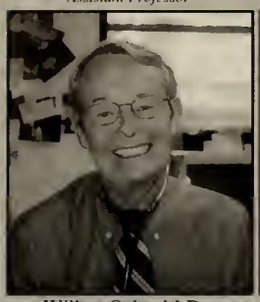

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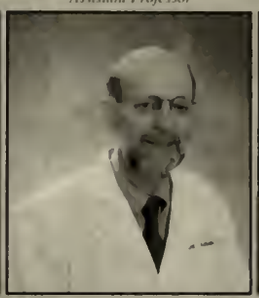

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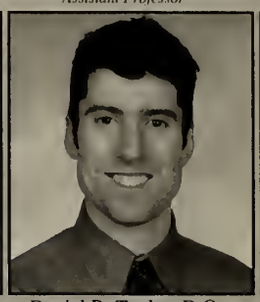

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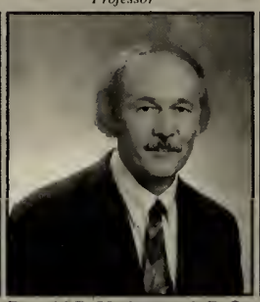

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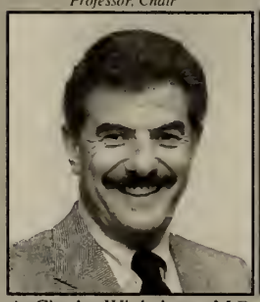

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"Don't pick an answer that could be right when the moon is in the 7th astrological house of zen. Pick an answer that is right all the time." Dr. Russo on how her test questions arent tricky

"Yeah, I work in inner city Philadelphia. Some of my patients have more tattoos than teeth." Dr Melvin

"The definition-It's not actually a sentence if you read the whole thing, despite all the words in it." Dr. Ownbey

"This is the age of bacteria. You think this is the age of mammals? Thats our egocentric ideas. We exist for the bacteria - its a democracy." Dr. Vaidya

"Non-pathological aggression is what you did to get into medical school." Dr. McLeer

"How many of you used an antiseptic or disinfectant today? Good. So the rest of you did not use deodorant, or shower, or brush your teeth. That's comforting." Dr. Edlind

"When you're me you're never alone." Dr. Rapp (as he mutters to himself before class)

"I put a lot of cartoons in so you wake up. They're not in the notes, so you have to write them down. You will be tested on the cartoons - just kidding. For you really high strung people, I really am just kidding. You know who you are." Dr. Thomas

"X-rays are good. But since there are more MRI machines than general internists in this country, we have to order an MRI." Dr. Zarro, on working up back pain

"They have antibodies to SS-A, which has the nickname Ro, and SS-B which has the nickname La. Ro and La sound like I'm in the Sound of Music." Dr. Hanau, on Sjogrens Syndrome

"He's 6 months old, so he's probably not going to answer too many questions for you. Its semi-veterinary medicine." Dr. Little, on getting a history from a 6 month old patient

"Don't be afraid to do a rectal. Everyone shies away from it but get your finger up there. Im a bad one, I have sausage fingers..." Dr. DiGregorio, on screening for GI bleeds with NSAIDS

"Go home and practice taking a sexual history on your grandmother. If you can get through that, you can get through anything." Dr. Acquavella, on being embarrassed around teenagers

"How do you explain to your 11 year old daughter when an erectile dysfunction commercial comes on TV? I dont know, I leave the room. " Dr. Sloane

"My father always prides himself on the fact that my mother didn't have a period for 8 years. We were all born within 8 years of each other." Dr. Woodland on his 5 siblings

"In the first month, the baby is ½ an inch and less than an ounce. So when a woman says she's eating for two, remind her that one of them is really, really small." Dr. Montgomery

"I had a good friend, a fellow resident, who named his dog Medulla Oblongata. Such a loser..." Dr. Thomas

"It's easy to screen for testicular cancer, guys. Just take a shower and make sure you soap up down there." Dr. Kahn on cancer screening

"I put my phone on the vibrator mode. My chest has vibrated like 4 times already. I guess it was worth it." Dr. DiGregorio

"You're all at least geek mosaics if you're here, face it." ~Dr. Hanau

"Like many essential functions, algebra shouldn't be done in public." ~Dr. Rapp

"I learned that at Sea World." Dr. Greenbaum, after rewarding a volunteer with candy

"Sand flies and testses and squitters, oh my!" Dr. Vaidya, on the most dangerous creatures in the world.

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"God intended everyone to smoke marijuana, because otherwise, why would he put these receptors in the brain?" Dr. Harvey on CB2 Receptors

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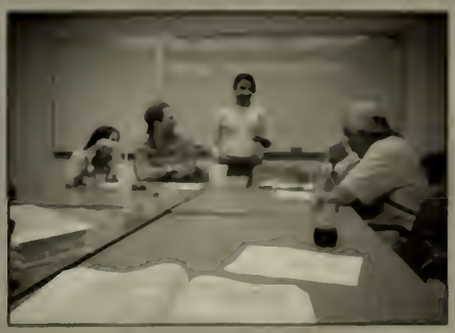

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One can pay back the loan of gold, but one dies forever in debt to those who are kind.
~Malayan Proverb

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To all my friends and well wishers - It has been a thrilling roller coaster, thank you ever so much!

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Good Luck to the Class of 2008!

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Best wishes to the Class of 2008!

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"Be the change you wish to see in the world" - Gandhi

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"Every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life are based on the labors of other men (and women), living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving."
Albert Einstein

To my friends and classmates:
This is just the beginning. Best wishes for many long years of health, happiness, and success.

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To my family:
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"Education is what remains after one has forgotten everything he learned in school"
Albert Einstein

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"Everyone dies, but not everyone lives. Live with no regrets!!!"

"The meaning of life: Enjoy your existence, evolve, and procreate."

"Attitude creates Perseverance"

"Enjoy the process."

"Compassion is the Cure."

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"The good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease." Sir William Osler

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Love always,
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It is a great challenge to complete a task as large as medical school. Every medical student goes through great highs and deep lows as well as times of stress and times of celebration. Through the process we not only learn about disease but also become the men and women, the doctors of tomorrow. Medical school has truly challenged me to step up to the plate and become the man who I am today. I have learned the meaning of being responsible, reliable, ethical and a genuinely good person. Socrates once said, "there is only one good, knowledge." I will use my medical education to help the people I treat and by this, I hope to do "good" with my "knowledge."

It is an honor to be part of Drexel University College of Medicine. With the caring faculty involved in our education, I know the program will continue to excel and produce doctors that will change the face of medicine in the future.

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"Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement."

- Golda Meir

I would like to thank my parents, brothers and friends for helping me succeed and supporting me in this long, arduous though fulfilling journey. I couldn't have completed it without you.

Medicine is a lifelong learning process. The learning never ceases. I look forward to residency and to my future as a full fledged pediatrician.

Good luck to the class of 2008!!

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Thank you to my family and friends
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There are events in a doctors life that seem to mark the boundary between youth and age, seeing and perceiving. Like certain dreams, they illuminate a whole lifetime of past behavior.

--Richard Selzer, M.D.

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"Calm seas do not make a skilled sailor." - African proverb

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"Most of all, I could only have weathered the storms because of God, who made this voyage possible."

Allen Bernas MD

Eric Biewenga, M.D.

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James Alan Blair, Jr., M.D.

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So, apparently I am a doctor. Obviously, I could not have come to this accomplishment without the support of my loving wife, my family, and especially my friends. Here's to the birthday celebrations, formals, tailgates, ski trips, Atlantic City, sports teams, and countless nights out. ¡Dame mas gasolina!

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Keep the faith in me, I will not let you down.

HEAL WITH STEEL!!!

Go Terps!!

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"Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity."
~ Horace Mann

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"Each separate star seems nothing; but myriad scattered stars break up the night, and make it beautiful."
~ Bayard Taylor

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"Watch your thoughts, they become your words.
Watch your words, they become your actions.
Watch your actions, they become your habits.
Watch your habits, they become your character.
Watch your character, it becomes your destiny."
-- Anonymous

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Thank you and I love you!

Mom and Dad, Thanks for all the support since day 1!
I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for you!

To the roomies, The Last Supper is mine next time!

To all you other crazy Drexel kids out there, it's been a fun 4 years! Good luck with whatever you do!

Scot Andrew Brown, M.D.

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An Ode To DUCOM

In August 04 we gathered at DUCOM
Eager, and hungry and filled with aplomb
We met new people with new names and new faces
Who had come together from various places.

In Gross lab we enjoyed tackling basic anatomy
though testicle tetherball made DePace quite mad at me
In histo lab we became much more smarter
By using a computer, because slides were much harder.

In year two we moved to ICM and pharm
Combining multiple drugs while doing no harm
We also tackled pathology and micro
All of those bugs almost made me psycho!

Finally on to our clinical rotations
Seeing patients each day seemed like a vacation
6 different clerkships from Surgery to Psych
Helped us define what our lives would be like

Finally we're 4th years, hip hip hooray!
By the end of Sub-Is we could smell the day
That we would finally go from MS to MD
6 months of vacation and we would be free!

And now on to residency and the rest of our lives
be sure to thank your family, friends, and wives
The people that loved us and got us to here
Now I'm off to Murphs for a well deserved beer.

Scot Andrew Brown MD

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Love,
Jen

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Marcy Byrns MD

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With love,

Nicole L. Camp, M.D.

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Ithaka
Translated by Edmund Keeley & Philip Sherrard

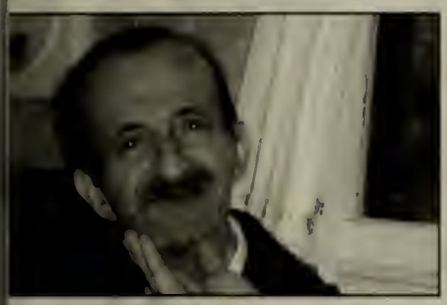
As you set out for Ithaka
hope your road is a long one,
full of adventure, full of discovery.
Laistrygonians, Cyclops,
angry Poseidon-don't be afraid of them:
you'll never find things like that on your way
as long as you keep your thoughts raised high,
as long as a rare excitement
stirs your spirit and your body.
Laistrygonians, Cyclops,
wild Poseidon-you won't encounter them
unless you bring them along inside your soul,
unless your soul sets them up in front of you.

Hope your road is a long one.
May there be many summer mornings when,
with what pleasure, what joy,
you enter harbors you're seeing for the first time;
may you stop at Phoenician trading stations
to buy fine things,
mother of pearl and coral, amber and ebony,
sensual perfume of every kind-
as many sensual perfumes as you can;
and may you visit many Egyptian cities
to learn and go on learning from their scholars.

Keep Ithaka always in your mind.
Arriving there is what you're destined for.
But don't hurry the journey at all.
Better if it lasts for years,
so you're old by the time you reach the island,
wealthy with all you've gained on the way,
not expecting Ithaka to make you rich.
Ithaka gave you the marvelous journey.
Without her you wouldn't have set out.
She has nothing left to give you now.

And if you find her poor, Ithaka won't have fooled you.
Wise as you will have become, so full of experience,
you'll have understood by then what these Ithakas
mean.

Thoxa to Theo, I have my health, a lovely family, and wonderful friends. Thank you to everyone who has been part of my life and helped me to reach this moment.



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Dear Mom and Dad,
Thank you for the constant love and support.
I wouldn't be here without you.
I love you both very much!!
Dear Ajay,
You are the best
big brother a sister could have!
To my friends,
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great memories and for always keeping
me laughing. I will never forget
all of the good times!
To Mona,
My wonderful roommate of 8 years,
thank you for being by my side,
literally, through all of the madness. We
finally did it, Twinny!

 Anjaly Chandramouly MD

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"Our Lord! Condemn us not if we forget or fall into error; our Lord! Lay not on us a burden like that which Thou didst lay on those before us; Our Lord! Lay not on us a burden greater than we have strength to bear. Blot out our sins and grant us forgiveness. Have mercy on us. Thou art our Protector; help us against those who stand against faith." ***Al-Qurn, Surah Al-Baqara verse 286***

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Medical School has been an incredible journey filled with its ups and downs. But throughout these four years there has been one person who has supported me, listened to me, and guided me patiently. I am so happy that at the end of this all, not only will I be an M.D., but also a wife. I only hope that as you complete the same journey you feel the same support and guidance. I hope you find it as fulfilling as I have.

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Most of all, I am grateful to Waheguru, passing medical school has truly been a miracle! My faith has kept me going 4 years, and it will keep me going 40 more.

God Bless, and Congratulations to the Class of 2008!

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To my friends: Thank you for making it a great four years. Who knew that looking back on medical school would bring such fond memories? You have all brought so much fun and laughter into my life. I would not have made it through this unforgettable journey without you guys. I am so grateful for your friendships and I am certain that our friendships will continue in the future. I'll miss you all! Keep in touch!

Chau Che M.D.

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"Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Until your good is better and your better is best." - St. Jerome

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To all my friends - From Kyle/Dave/Ken, to my NU crew, and now all my amazing friends at Drexel Med: You are the reason I have made it this far. THANK YOU for always being there for me.

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What soap is to the body, laughter is to the soul. ~Yiddish Proverb

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Hello beloved family and friends,
Thank you for your loving support and prayers. God has blessed me with a loving family and wonderful friends who always keep me smiling and laughing!
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"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."
-I John 4:10-12

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***To my friends**, congratulations on yet another great achievement. I wish you all great success in your respective careers and look forward to working side by side with you all in the future.*

Now on to the funny stuff...
Spies Like Us

***Dr. Imhous**: "Doctor, Isn't that incision a bit high for an appendix?"*
***Milbarge**: "Do you want to do the operation? FINE, you come on up here and you do it! "*
***Hadley**: "Imhous!"*
***Dr. Imhous**: "He was cutting into his chest!"*
***Milbarge**: "Did you see me cut into his chest? Did I cut his chest? I was probing to determine muscle tone and skeletal girth. It's a new technique. We mock what we don't understand."*

"There is no medicine like hope, no incentive so great, and no tonic so powerful as expectation of something better tomorrow." Orison Swett Marden

Adam Coker MD

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Dana L. Crosby MD

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"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."
-Ghandi

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To my family: Mom and Dad, thank you for, well, everything. You are the best parents a girl could ask for, and I truly appreciate all you have done for me. Thank you for always supporting me in all I do. Thank you for always pushing me to do my best, but never forcing me to do what I didn't want to do. Thank you for always being there for me, and thank you most of all for your unconditional love. Travis, you understand me and always accept me for exactly who I am. You never fail to find the right thing to say or do no matter the situation. I'm glad we are close and I know we will stay that way. Thank you for being an amazing brother and friend.

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It seems like only a short while ago that we were working hard and hoping to be accepted to medical school. Now, we are about to embark on a variety of exciting and important new challenges and opportunities.

Best wishes to all and keep up the great work.

- Jason

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Thanks to all my friends and family who have pushed and pulled me through these four years of medical school.

"There's no greater message to send back to anyone than to say 'Do What You Love.' It negates violence, dissolves corporations, dispels doubt, breaks chains, renders hate irrelevant."~ Johnny X

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"Some people come into our lives and quickly go.
Some stay awhile and leave footprints on our hearts.
And we are never, ever the same."
~Flavia Weedn

To my family,
Thank you for being the people I always count on, the ones who support me unconditionally. I am the person I am today because of you, and I am privileged to be your daughter and sister.

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"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count.
It's the life in your years."
~Abraham Lincoln

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believe in peace

Laura Dougherty Napier, M.D.

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One year med school tuition: $40,000
One (used) diagnostic kit: $400
One lunch in the hospital cafeteria: $4
Being able to write 'MD' after my name: PRICELESS

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"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one." - Malcolm Forbes

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Albert Einstein

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Heath D MD

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"Live a balanced life --- learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some." - Robert Fulghum

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Good Luck to the Class of 2008!

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Congrats to the Class of 2008!

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New York University, Stern School of Business, M.B.A.
New York University, Washington Square University College, B.A.
Fresh Meadows, NY

"Be the change that you want to see in the world."
Mahatma Ghandi

"The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing."
Albert Einstein

David: Thanks for being my loving husband of 18 years and counting. You have been my most heartfelt and loyal supporter throughout this journey. I never could have made it without you. I promise, no more degrees!! Love you...xoxoxo
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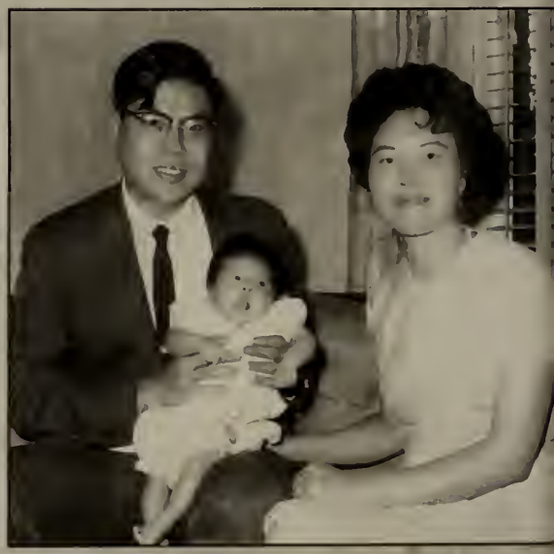

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Love,
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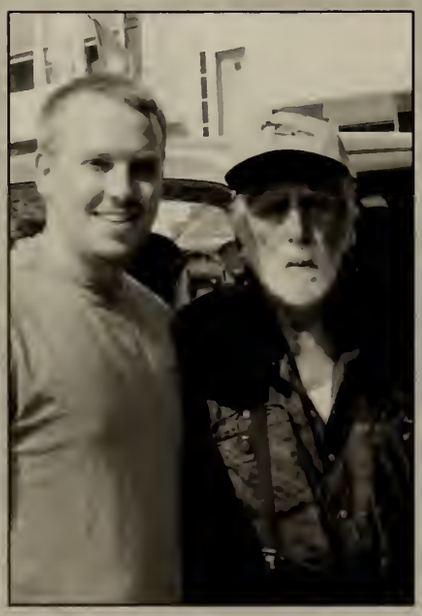

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Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1

Dear Family, Friends and Doggies,

Thank you so much for all of your support throughout the years. We really are blessed to have you in our lives. We hope that we can also be a blessing in yours too. We couldn't have done it without you!

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"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."
~Semisonic

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Class of 2008: Congratulations, we made it! And the best part, you won't have to read any more emails from me! ;)

"Aim for success, not perfection. Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you will lose the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life." ~Dr. David M. Burns

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"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Drexel University College of Medicine Class of 2008!

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Excerpts from Kindness
By Naomi Nye

Before you know what kindness really is
you must lose things,
feel the future dissolve in a moment
like salt in a weakened broth.
What you held in your hand,
what you counted and carefully saved,
all this must go so you know
how desolate the landscape can be
between the regions of kindness

Before you know kindness as the deepest thing inside,
you must know sorrow as the other deepest thing.
You must wake up with sorrow.
You must speak to it till your voice
catches the thread of all sorrows
and you see the size of the cloth.

Then it is only kindness that makes sense anymore,
only kindness that ties your shoes
and sends you out into the day to
mail letters and purchase bread,
only kindness that raises its head
from the crowd of the world to say
it is I you have been looking for,
and then goes with you every where
like a shadow or a friend.

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To the class of 2008, I wish you all much success and happiness in your future endeavors!!

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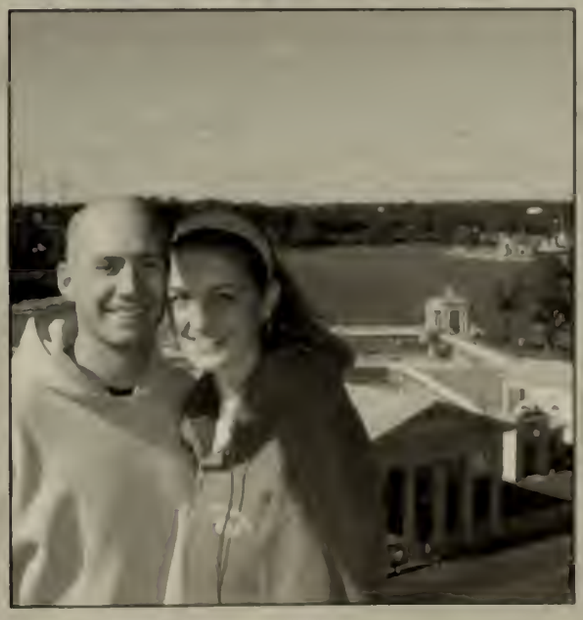

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"Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Thank you Elisheva for accompanying me through this crazy adventure!
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Congratulations and best of luck to all my classmates!

Some aphorisms from Sir William Osler:

Get the patient in a good light. Use your five senses. We miss more by not seeing than we do by not knowing. Always examine the back. Observe, record, tabulate, communicate.

Failure to examine the throat is a glaring omission, especially in children. One finger in the throat and one in the rectum makes a good diagnostician.

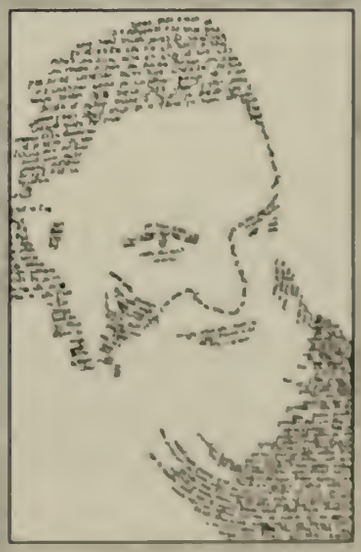
Absolute diagnoses are unsafe, and are made at the expense of the conscience.

You will soon learn, however, in practice, to be satisfied with probabilities.

A man who drinks before breakfast as a rule is a heavy drinker. This is not true south of Mason and Dixons line. There a man may take his only drink before breakfast.

Lessen the intake. We all eat too much, and in no age was the saying more true that the platter kills more than the sword.

Fewer scalpels for doctors' rite of passage



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To my parents, grandparents, family and friends,

Thank You

"He who laughs last, does not get joke"
-Confucius

Derek Frazier

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"Just living is not enough. One must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower."
- Hans Christian Andersen

To my family and friends,
Thank you all for being my sunshine my sources of endless love, and support. My success would mean nothing if I could not share it with all of you.
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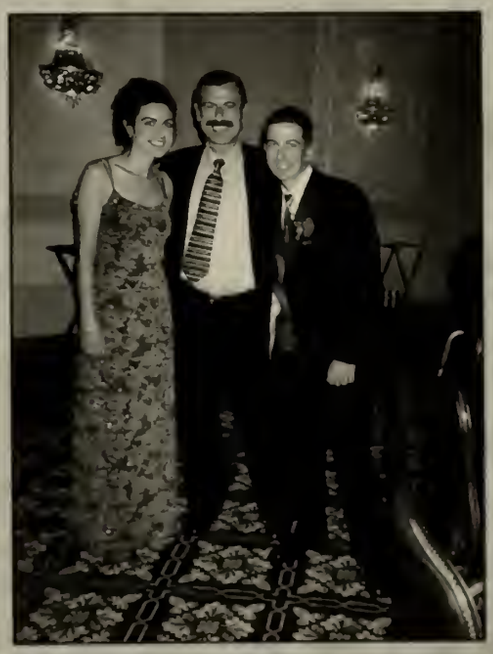

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Congratulations everyone!!!

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To My Family,
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> *When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.*
>
> *~Helen Keller*

Congratulations to the Class of 2008!! Good luck on your future endeavors!

Maria D Georgiades M.D

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"There will be demands upon your ability, upon your endurance, upon your disposition, upon your patience...just as fire tempers iron into fine steel, so does adversity temper one's character into firmness, tolerance and determination."
- Senator Margaret Chase Smith, Lieutenant Colonel, US Air Force Reserve

To my friends and classmates, the Class of 2008: I truly believe we survived the past four years because of each other. Thank you for standing by me, suffering and celebrating with me, and for giving me a home in a new place. I made some of the best friends I have ever had here, you know who you are, and I will miss you terribly.

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Good luck to the Class of 2008!

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Thank you

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I love you.
Sharifa

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

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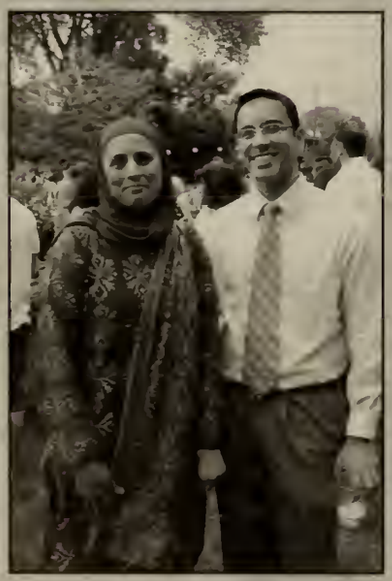

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To the people who have helped me through:
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Best of Luck to the Class of 2008

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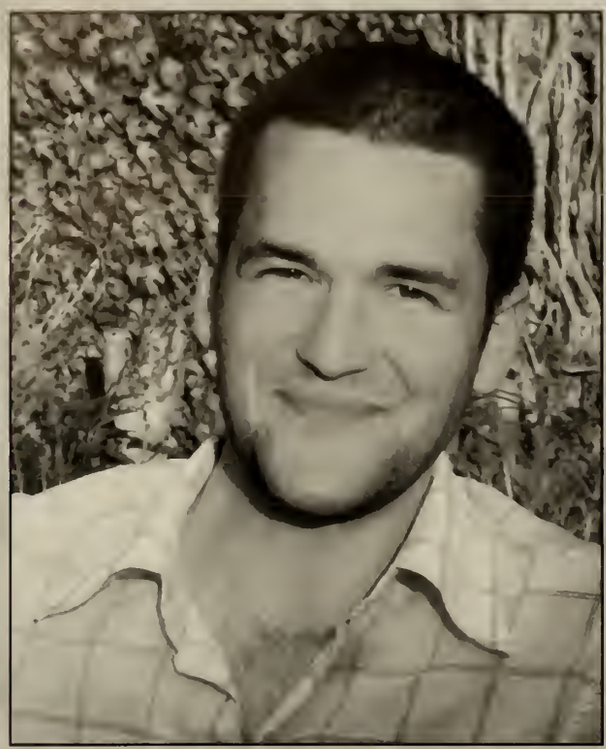

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"Life is not measured by the breaths you take, but by every moment that takes your breath away." - Anonymous

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In loving memory of my father Yehiel Hayon, who taught me the true meaning of *chazak*.

Ronni Hayon MD

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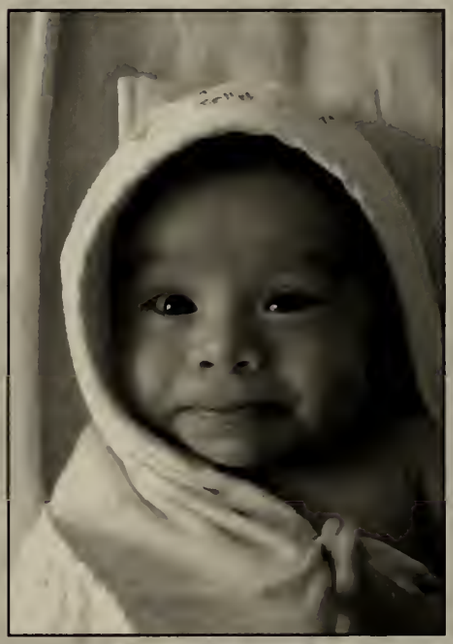
Some sage advice from Buddha:
"Let us rise up and be thankful, for if we didn't learn a lot today, at least we learned a little, and if we didn't learn a little, at least we didn't get sick, and if we got sick, at least we didn't die; so, let us all be thankful."

"Believe nothing, no matter where you read it, or who said it, no matter if I have said it, unless it agrees with your own reason and your own common sense."

"Have compassion for all beings, rich and poor alike; each has their suffering. Some suffer too much, others too little."



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Allison H. MD

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"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I--
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."
(Robert Frost, *The Road Not Taken*)

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I would not be the person that I am today without all of you. Your love and support has encouraged me through the years. My mom nursed me back to health countless times after literally worrying myself sick. My dad's three rules to baseball still apply: play hard, do your best, and have fun. My brother and sister are my shoulders to lean on, always providing a laugh when I wanted to cry. To my husband, I could not have done this without you. Thank you so much. I love you all. God Bless.

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"Shared joy is double joy; Shared sorrow is half sorrow."
Swedish Proverb

"Sooner or later we all discover that the important moments in life are not the advertised ones, not the birthdays, the graduations, the weddings, not the great goals achieved. The real milestones are less prepossessing. They come to the door of memory unannounced, stray dogs that amble in, sniff around a bit and simply never leave. Our lives are measured by these."
Susan B. Anthony

As true as this may be, it is still the weddings, the birthdays and the graduations that do produce the best pictures. So here are the big ones from the past 4 years.....

Nadeem Hussain

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Best wishes to the Class of 2008!

Amy Hwang

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I cannot believe that I am finally graduating! Over the last four years, I have pushed my limits in so many ways, and I have all of you to thank for helping me along the way:
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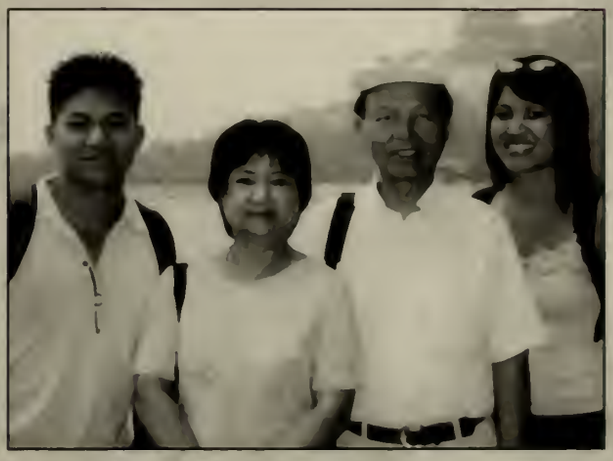

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Best wishes to the Class of 2008!

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Best Wishes Class of 2008!!

For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.
-Jeremiah 29:11-13

Alin John, MD

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Wherever the art of medicine is loved, there is also a love of humanity.
~ Hippocrates

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I can no other answer make, but, thanks, and thanks.
~ William Shakespeare

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Finally, to all my Friends: You kept me sane throughout these years, may we all find happiness in the paths we have chosen and much success to all!

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved." ~ Helen Keller

MD

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To explain the pictures: During first year stress I ate. During second year I cried . . . a lot! Third year brought the lovely experience of wearing my white coat every day. Finally fourth year came, and I finally had time to do housework again; miraculously I was happy to do it. The last two pictures are of my family, my boys (cats) Alex and Timothy, and my husband, Matthew.

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Mom, Dad, Rajesh, and Nik:
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With Love always.

Friends: Congratulations!!! We did it!!
Thank you for the amazing memories.
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Gauri Kelekar MD

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"Be what you are, and become what you are capable of becoming."
-Robert Louis Stevenson

"The path to a dream is paved with sacrifices and lined with determination. And though it has many stumbling blocks along the way and may go in more than one direction, it is marked with faith. It is traveled by belief and courage, persistence and hard work. It is conquered with a willingness to face challenges and take chances, to fail and try again and again. Along the way, you may have to confront doubts, setbacks, and unfairness. But when the path comes to an end, you will find that there is no greater joy than making your dream come true."
-Barbara Cage

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"When you feel like you're going through hell, keep going."
-Winston Churchill

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To the only MD that really matters- Mom and Dad.
Thank you for your love and support.

1)Things to do near Allentown- Go to the rifle range!
2)Me and Wendy enjoying famous Cincinnati hotdogs.
3)Medical student deliver the specimen SPLENOMEGALY!
4)Fly-fishing in the Wissahickon Creek.
5)Korean BBQ at San Diego away rotation.
6)Ships visit aboard the hospital ship Mercy.

Umar Khayyam, M.D.

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This is dedicated to Mom and Dad, who've always told me that nothing is impossible in life. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. My accomplishments and success thus far, are the sole reflection of your guidance and patience. If I am even half as successful as you are as a future parent, I will know I've lived a good life. I am forever in your debt.

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Good luck and God bless.

White Coat Ceremony

Richard George Kiel, M.D.

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To my wonderful wife and family,

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I love you all,

R.G.

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Mom, everything in my life is possible because of you. Your love, support, and prayers guide me through each and everyday. Thank you.

Dad, thank you for always believing in me.

I love you both.

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Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Time has come for us to part until our paths meet again. I thank you all for the memories during the last four years. Congratulations to the Drexel University College of Medicine, class of 2008. I will miss you all.

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To Lloyd, my constant source of security, I thank you for always being there for me. I look forward to spending the rest of our life together. Love you.

And to my dear friends, while we may change trying to find our own place in the world we know that whether we are in tears or filled with joy, we will come to each other because no matter where this crazy world takes us, our friendship will remain the same.

Success: To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends, to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded! ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

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"For unto whom much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more". Luke 12:48

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To my wife Jenny, thank you for your love and support I couldn't have made it without you by my side. To my parents, thank you for believing in me and being there for me when times got tough. To my brothers, who went before me I did it. To my friends in school and trial, we have earned it. "We have fought a good fight, we have finished our course..." Congratulations, God speed and Thank you.

My favorite quote:

"...When ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God."
(King Benjamin; Mosiah 2 v 18)

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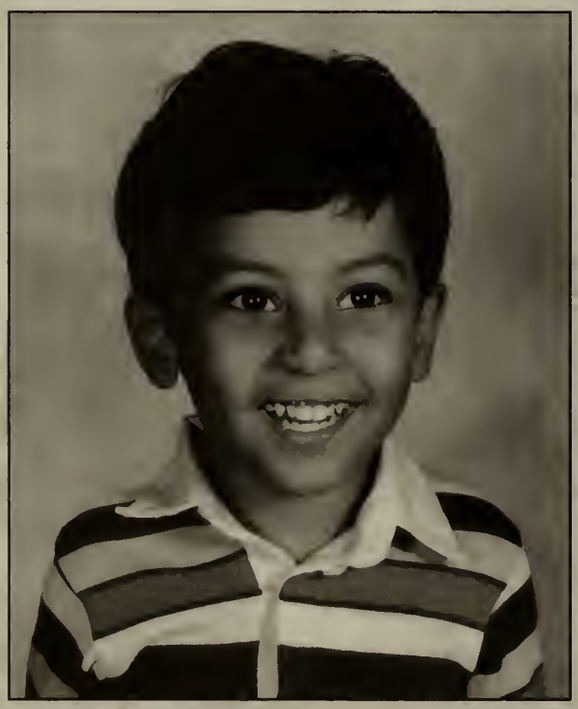

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Best wishes to the Class of 2008!
We did it!

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To my Mama and Baba,
I feel so fortunate to have been raised by such loving parents. I appreciate the tremendous efforts you both took in raising me to become the person I am today. Baba, everything I've learned to this day is with the foundation you provided me. You truly are the first Dr. Lau in our household. Mama, you are sweet, kind, and the best chef in the world. Thank you for always believing in me. I love you both very much.

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I miss you and I love you Grandma. One day we will be able to practice Tai Chi together as the sun rises.

Bonnie Lau, M.D

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A Short History of Medicine
2000 B.C. - "Here, eat this root."
1000 B.C. - "That root is heathen, say this prayer."
1850 A.D. - "That prayer is superstition, drink this potion."
1940 A.D. - "That potion is snake oil, swallow this pill."
1985 A.D. - "That pill is ineffective, take this antibiotic."
2000 A.D. - "That antibiotic is artificial. Here, eat this root."
~Author Unknown

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"... It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Mark 2:17

First and foremost, I want to thank and praise God and my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for all that I have and all that I am. May my life be spent glorifying you.

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To my friends: seriously, can you believe they let me graduate from med school? Haha. Shhh. Don't tell anybody they made a mistake ok? Oh and the days I'm on duty, stay away from my hospital ok? Haha. JK! I love all of you and wouldn't have kept my sanity without you. Thank you for sharing with me my joys and sorrows. And all the memories we made together? Well, you know I have the worst memory ever, so you'll have to remind me of them from time to time. See you soon.

"Heal me, O LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise." Jeremiah 17:14

Aaron Lee MD

Jeanie (Jin Hee) Lee, M.D.

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Ambler, PA

So much has changed throughout the 4 years of medical school.
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Thank you, "exclusive" friends, for showing me what friends are supposed to be like.
Thank you, Lord, for giving me undeserving hope and grace!

"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love" Galatians 5:17

Yaaaaaaaay~!

, M.D.

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And of course my friends!

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Christina Lee

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Takoma Park, MD

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Elinor Yen-Ru Lin, M.D.

California Institute of Technology, B.S.
Arcadia, CA and Taipei, Taiwan

2/24/04-Got accepted by Drexel!!
8/3/04-Thank my family for coming to Philly with me to help me with moving & everything
9/16/04-1st day of gross anatomy lab!
10/9/04-Thank the 2nd years for running MedScholar for the gross anatomy exam
11/13/04-Amish trip
12/19/04-1st time seeing snow at Philly ~
1/16/05-1st time skiing at Camelback
4/27/05-Make dumplings with Patty & Julie = post-exam (gunshot wound module) celebration
5/11/05-Dissect eyeballs in gross anatomy lab our cadaver got good lenses
9/7/05-Seriously flunked my 1st pharm exam
9/13/05-1st medical Mandarin workshop of the yr big success!
11/5/05-Fairmont Park duck-feeding with Patty
12/17/05-CPM healthcare/finance lecture sounds like alien language *_*
2/9/06-Wasted hours on fatwallet.com
2/11/06-Went to PABC, snowy day
4/14/06-APAMSA banquet
5/3/06-2nd yrs over!!
6/17/06-USMLE Step 1 brain & eyes killed
7/1/06-Thank my family again for helping me moving to Monmouth
9/15/06-Obgyn on call 5 C-sections back-to-back overnight
10/23/06-Assigned to heme/onc yellow team with free & decent lunch everyday
12/4/06-Attending round 9am-7pm #_#
2/15/07-Work on ESS 4th yr schedule worksheet
2/22/07-1st time drawing blood succeeded! But patient seemed painful
5/30/07-Fell asleep watching lap hemicolectomy
6/9/07-I hate the internet at Monmouth!!!!!
6/26/07-USMLE Step 2 CS
7/2/07-1st day neurology why is Dr. Schwartzman so smart? o_0
7/29/07-Watched Transformer with Julie & Patty
10/7/07-Theres fried chicken at Monmouth Medical Center tonight
10/19/07-USMLE Step2 CK 2 eye cells & 5 brain cells survived
11/07~1/08-Interview, interview interview
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Thank you Mom and Dad
for your love and support.

M.D

Patricia Loo, M.D.

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University of Southern California, M.S.
Los Angeles, CA

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Patricia Loo

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East Stroudsburg, PA

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Eggy: You have amazed and shocked me! Keep working hard at whatever you decide to do. Just remember to keep aiming for the stars, because that is where you belong, shining ever so bright.

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Fellow Classmates: Over the last several years we have shared successes and frustrations, as we all go in our separate ways remember..."Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." - Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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Many thanks to all of my teachers--instructors and patients alike.

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My Mom & Dad, Ida & Mamerto Lozares
My dear brothers, Larry Lozares & David Ferrazares
My father-in-law & stepmother-in-law, Stephen & Sarah Lewis
My cousins Jacqueline & Jonathan Gomberg

And to PIL 2008--I will miss you!

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Bryn Mawr, PA

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Oh and Ele, **IFM 2008** is way better than **PIL**! Congrats to all! Great Success!

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I want to thank my family, you know who you are, I love you all so much, oh yea you too Iman. Just kidding lil sis, but I do love you guys...I love you so much I'm staying. I love my bestest Senait aka my habesha sister, you know how much so I don't have to say here. I can't forget you Layla, how could I, I spent two years at Korman Suites with you. I love my med school buddies: Amaal, Jenn, Judy, Nicole, Cynelle, Medina, Adelaide, Tiki, and LaToia. West coast sucks so you can come visit me any time on the EAST COAST!! And our honorary med student, Water...I mean Robert, love you too buddy. I will always love my Swat sisters: Joy, Mitzie, Karen and Kim.

Semhar Mahmud

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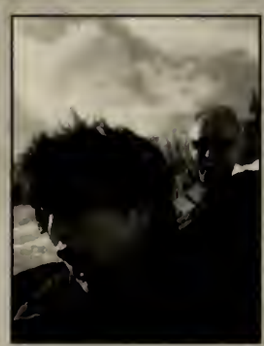
How did it get so late so soon?
It's night before it's afternoon.
December is here before it's June.
My goodness how the time has flewn.
How did it get so late so soon?

--Dr. Seuss



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I want to thank no one as I did this all by myself.... just kidding.

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To my friends: Thanks for a great time! Pooja, I really enjoyed cooking with you on the weekends, rock climbing, Six Flags, but I need to teach you to ride a bike. Steve, hope we continue to mountain bike these Philly trails. Rajit, just one more year buddy. JP, we have been in school together for the last 12 years, that's why I had to cancel my Newark interview.

"Do, or do not. There is no 'try.'"
- Jedi Master Yoda

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Thank you mom, dad, and Karan for you never ending support through med school...I couldn't have done it without you!

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Thanks and much love to my FAMILY for all your support..and YES I am crazy for going to med school. But I must say that if it weren't for Drexel I wouldn't have made some great friends aka Tight Woman, I don't like it from the back, Water, Baby Rudy, Rhett ta tet tet, and of course, the Unstoppable one ! I'll miss you guys but we'll meet again...we're finally out this piece !

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As I reflect over my many of years of going to school, God has tremendously blessed my life and for that I'm grateful.
I've been taught that gratefulness is when one recognizes that benefits received are not a given but because someone allowed the blessings of God to flow through them to me.
Thanks to all who has been a part of this journey.

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Words can never express the thanks I have for all of you who have shared this moment with me.

I pray that God continues to bless you and yours.

Love,
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Dear Mom, Dad, & Diana,

Thank you for all your love, support, prayers, and checks!

Dad - You have big shoes to fill

Mom - I can't appreciate enough all that you do

Diana - To my brainier, bolder, funnier, and more creative only sister who is a damn good cook and an amazing architect...I'm so proud of you!

Love,

Daryl

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Hi! This is Diamond, I am Jeremy's Cat!

He is too busy playing with string and chasing a laser pointer to write his senior page so I am going to do it. He can't stop me at all! To start with, he should thank both his father and mother as they are very important people and bring me toys. He also should thank Irene who is his fiancée and who takes really good care of me, although she feeds me hairball food.

Below are some ways I prevented Jeremy from studying. See me sitting on his papers, his desk chair and his computer. Ack! I got picked up! Let me go watch the printer! Distracting is thirsty work, and yes I drink from a glass Don't you???

Moving on here is a picture of my caretakers; they have just fed me, which is why they are smiley. Another picture looks nice I think, but I'm not in it. Back to me, please!

Anyway, thanks to all and congratulations to everyone.

Feel free to pet me for luck later on, unless you are allergic.

Writing this tired me out, time for a cat-nap.

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To my family, I couldn't have done it without your undying love and support.

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Old Maria, You're Going to Die

Poor old Maria
don't pray to the inclement god that denied your hopes
your whole life
don't ask clemency from death,
your life was horribly dressed with hunger,
and ends dressed by asthma.
But I want to announce to you,
in a low voice virile with hopes,
the most red and virile of vengeances
I want to swear it on the exact
dimension of my ideals.
Take this hand of a man which seems like a boys
between your polished yellow soap,
Scrub the hard calluses and the pure knots
in the smooth vengeance of my doctors hands.
Rest in peace, old Maria,
rest in peace, old fighter,
your grandchildren will all live to see the dawn.

- Ernesto Che Guevara

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To my family: Thank you for all the love and support you have given me through these years. I could not have made it without you.

To my friends: Here's to all the great times we've had together and to many more in the future.

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"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

I would like to thank my family and friends for their invaluable support through my tortuous path.

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It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat...

Cynelle J Murray

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Mom and Dad: I would not have made it to or through medical school if it wasn't for your love and support. Thank you for believing in me, letting me make my own decisions and mistakes, and teaching me to be a good person. Oh, and, a special thanks for paying my rent, car insurance, cell phone and credit card bills.

Anand: Man, that was a good one. Who is kicking my chair?! Andu pandu you're my bestest buddy. Even though you are younger than me, I really admire, respect and look up to you in many ways. I have full faith that you will be super cool like me. Love ya, jonjee (x 3).

Ode to my peeps: From the zoo to the ragamaroo, here are my fav memories. Real World /Cribs the Poconos edition, stegosaurus juice, I take it you don't want the coconut? Sitmotr in C9, hotel 2706, Nothing happened guys, truth serum, billions of years ago, cookie dough, dumpster behind city line t-bell, NYE 06 and the bed of hangers, the hunter, moore library, chicken fingers at murphys, left handed cartwheels, extreme living, April, sreepy robster, his name was robert, jaluck, cab to the luxor, can you pleat this, someone stole my tints, megaly megaly, why are we hitchhiking guys, why are you so weird wifey, black holing everything, aatthhooo, d.o.f. followed by n.o.t., pizza in the snow, kick dog, VIP at the VMAs, liddle. To conclude... Andddddd they're off!

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Thanks to all my classmates.
I will always treasure your friendship.

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To all my friends and family,

WE DID IT! It has been a rollercoaster of 4 years that would not have been possible without your unconditional love and support. Thank you!

As I move on to a career in pediatrics, I'm excited to see where residency takes me. I believe everything happens for a reason and therefore I'm confident that where ever I go will be a great fit.

Good luck to everyone! I look forward to seeing you all on the floors in long coats!!!!

-Adrienne

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To My Family,
Thank you for all of your love, support, and encouragement. I hope that I can continue to make you proud.

To My Friends,
I love you guys. You are my second family. I wish you all happiness and success.

M.D.

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I would like to thank my family, friends, and my father, who always gave me the motivation to succeed. Best of luck to the Class of 2008.

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To My Parents: I cannot put into words how much I appreciate everything you have done for me. With Mom's great food and great advice and Dad's jokes and wisdom, I made it through the tough times. I owe my success to you. Thank you for your love, encouragement, and constant guidance. I only hope I have made you as proud as I am to have you as my parents. I love you.

To My Friends: I can't believe we made it! UGH! Extreme living and I loved every moment! I will always look back at these years with a smile and a laugh. As we go our ways, let the chaos and insanity live on!! Thanks for everything.

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Laughter IS the best medicine...Trust me, I'm a doctor!

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To my family and my love all I have to offer is a humble THANK YOU.

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I dedicate this page to my lovely wife Emily, who has stood by me during the toughest four years of our life, supporting me every step of the way. Thank you. I love you.

"The practice of medicine is an art, not a trade; a calling, not a business; a calling in which your heart will be exercised equally with your head. Often the best part of your work will have nothing to do with potions and powders, but with the exercise of an influence of the strong upon the weak, of the righteous upon the wicked, of the wise upon the foolish."
- Sir William Osler

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"Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work."
-Mother Teresa

Mom and Dad: Thank you for all your unconditional love and support every step of the way! You have always believed in me and I could not have done it without your continuous prayers and sacrifices. I love you both!

Shane: I am following in your footsteps. Thanks for all your patience in answering all my medical questions and advice throughout these years.

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To my family: Thank you for all your words of encouragement and love throughout these years.

Ajay: You entered my life at the moment when I least expected and have turned it right-side up. Look at yourself!

To my friends of Class of 2007: Thank you for all the unforgettable nights of fun and laughter. You have impacted my life so much and I truly cherish each and every one of you. It has truly been an amazing journey.

Best of luck to the Class of 2008!

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To laugh often and much;

To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;

To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;

To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others;

To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;

To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.

This is to have succeeded.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thank you to my family and friends for your love and support. Best to the future successes of the Class of 2008.

Sans la musique, la vie serait une erreur.
- Friedrich Nietzsche

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Thanks Mom, Dad, Jeff and family
for all of your love and support!
I could not have done it without you!
Love,
Karin

Karin A. Reed

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Best Wishes to the Class of 2008!

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The following is a true dialogue that took place when I was 3 years old:

Mommy: "Tenesita, what do you want to be when you grow up?"
Tenesa: "A horse."
Mommy: "But you can't be a horse."
Tenesa: "I *want* to be a horse!"
Mommy: "Why?"
Tenesa: "Because they are fast and strong."

Mommy, la Yegüita tuya es Doctora!

Gracias, Dios, por haber darme vida y los padres que tengo.
Tú me diste la pasión y perseverancia para terminar esta carrera.
Mis manos y alma trabajan a través de ti.

Gracias, Mommy, Papy, y Mi Esposo Shane,

Por haber estado con migo durante todos los pasos para ser Doctora.

Con Muchísimo Amor y Agradecimiento,
Tenesa Morales Rivera Jeffress, M.D.

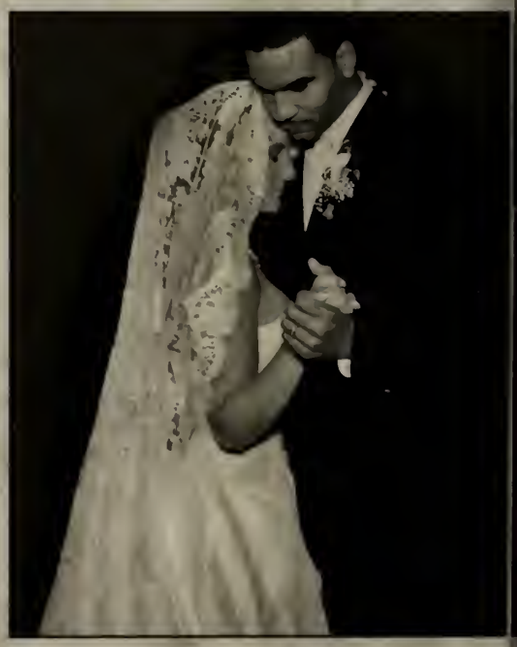
Llegamos Boriqua!

To all of my dear close friends who held me up, and to my Sister Circle,
I would not have remained sane without you.

Z-Phi Sorors!

...I'm here!

"The ultimate measure of a (wo)man
Is not where (s)he stands in moments of comfort,
But where (s)he stands at times of challenge and controversy."
-Dr Martin Luther King, Jr.



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I dedicate all of my achievements to my family and friends, as well as to all of the people I have lost along the way.

Dre, you piece of bread, my life changed forever on Groundhog's Day. Thank you for being you. I love you. What the hell is an aluminum falcon.

..."Much to learn you still have"...

-Yoda

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"come to send, not condescend
transcendental consequence
is to transcend where we are
who are we? who we are"

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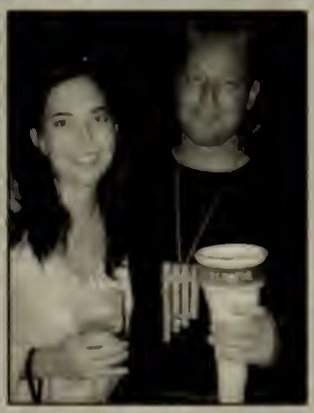
Medical school has been such a journey, both intellectually and emotionally. I found strengths I never knew I had, made lifelong friends, and learned the true value of human relationships. I have been so inspired by my patients, mentors, colleagues, friends, and family. Mom and Dad, Danielle, Jess, Lisa, Rachel, and especially Joey: thank you for always being there for me, for encouraging and supporting me, and believing in me. I couldn't have done it without you! Joey, you are absolutely everything to me, the love of my life. I am so thankful and so blessed. I look now with excitement at my future as a physician, and will always remember the generosity and kindness that allowed me to get this far.



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Truly medical school has been a whirlwind four years. I can't imagine ever arriving here without the love and support of my family. **Mom & Dad**: If my gratitude cannot be expressed in words well, maybe hugs will do the trick! I know growing up with me wasn't easy sometimes, but you guys hung in there for me. You were the beginning of my good luck. Thank you, I love you **Yeya:** your unconditional love and understanding taught us so much, and inspired my generation to strive to understand your wisdom. I miss you, but you are with us always. **To the siblings:** I finally get my very own senior page! Woo hoo! How could anyone ask for a finer bunch of people to grow up with, really? **Karla,** you know the ropes and ever since you came back from college you've been the best! But really, I have you to thank for pushing me over the toughest bumps on this road, and helping me believe I can do this. Thank you for helping me believe in spite of myself. If I baby sit a few days, can we call it even? **Carlos,** you've helped me out since the first semester at Michigan, and never asked for anything in return. It's hard to show it, but I appreciate it all. I'd be happy to baby sit for you too, if I can pull you away from your son! **Norma,** it's been tough with you in Michigan but distance wasn't an issue when we lived on McKinley, eh? We can still dance on holidays! **Carol,** thanks for teaching me what's most important in life. We still need to plan that trip to Malaysia, but in the meantime, how about Federal Hill?

Making my way through medical school wouldn't have been as fun without the amazing bunch of people I've had the privilege of sharing the experience with. The more I got to know our class, the more I was surprised by how talented, compassionate, and sincere my classmates are. **Marjorie:** you're the sweetest girl I've ever met. I'm lucky to have you. **Desi:** med school would not have been the same without your insights. **Serena, Kena, Licette, Nina:** you've been a blast. I can't wait to see where the future will take you! **Roomies:** Frank, Richard, Mike Jason, Steve: sorry I blast my music, but a mans gotta do what a mans gotta do! Good times **Drexel Med:** Thanks for four of the best years of my life. We've had our ups and downs, but at the end of the day, I wouldn't trade it for anything else! Cheers!

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"If you never make a mistake, you will never make anything," - Attending, on how to learn medicine.

Thanks to all family and friends that supported me through medical school.

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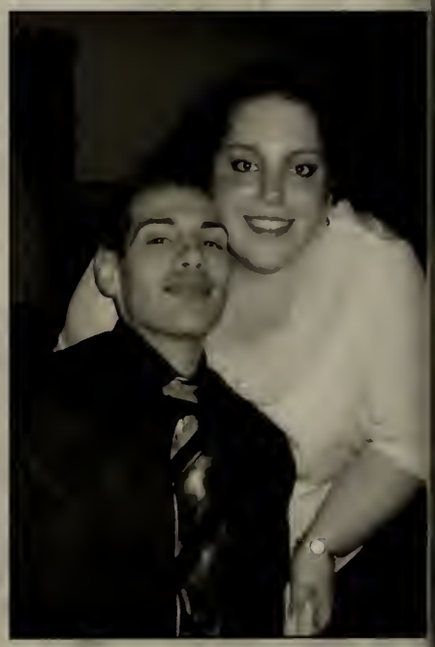
To my family, Thanks for being there every step of the way.

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN
Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,
And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.
I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.



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I dedicate my degree to my parents, Ana and Victor; my wife and daughter, Raquel and Analia, who never suspended their faith and support. Also to my relatives: El primero pero no el ultimo.

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Let us walk in the same direction
Drift onward
Into the nameless
That which cannot be spoken
You and me...
I
Walk alone
To walk with you."
-Excerpt of poem "I" by Ariel

With absolute gratitude to my devoted mother and in loving memory of my father (March 19, 2006), this page is dedicated to all my friends and family, who have loved and lifted me up during an amazing four years of medical school.

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What a chapter!

My dearest Lauren and Brody, in our journey together I hope to guide you to follow your heart.

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To all of my classmates and friends: have a wonderful life.

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Jim: You're more than my brother, you're one of my best friends. Thanks for being there for me. Check it out, man, your big brother's a doctor!

Lisa: Well, we did it. It's been a heck of a ride, and you've always been there, through thick and thin. You've been a tutor, a confidant, a cheerleader, a partner, but most importantly, a friend for the past four years, through all-night studying and ballroom dancing, late night sushi and tons of TV. I could never have accomplished as much as I have or gotten as far as I have without you. You may be heading back west and leaving me behind, but I have a feeling we'll be friends for a very, very long time.

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I would like to thank Mom, Dad, Dimal and my friends for all of their help and support over the last four years. You have all been there for me during the best times and the hardest times and as we all move on with our careers I know I will be able to count on you again in the future.

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."
-Anonymous

Sapna Sanjay Shah, M.D.

Case Western Reserve University, B.S.
Dover, OH

Surprise, surprise, I traveled here
400 miles from where I'm known.
My friends are here.
A couple years I've spent,
I found I have a second home.
-O.A.R.

Can't believe I made it, but I did and
it's all thanks to

my sisters for keeping me grounded.
my mom for keeping me calm.
my dad for his great advice.
my friends for listening and knowing me.
my classmates for making me feel at home.
my professors for inspiring me.

Good luck to everyone!

Sapna S Shah MD

Pooja Sharma, M.D.

Duke University, B.S.
Easton, PA

Mom & Dad: I love you so much. Thank you for always believing in me and encouraging me to believe in myself. I wouldn't be here without you, and I am so grateful for all your love and support. Guys, we failed again!

Deep: From legal counsel regarding my >1 (but <5) car accidents, to fine Bryn Mawr lodging, to 4 a.m. drives to D.C. (Mahoney!), this guys always been there for me, and I can't thank you enough. I love you always. Also, Thanksgiving with your family was the best night Ive had in Easton.

Chan: I'm thinking hip-hop. Not only have you taught me reverse psychology and the fine art of bathroom multitasking, you always know how to make me laugh when I'm struggs. I love you jacko. Oh, you're driving now?

Bill: The Last Rose of Summer made it through med school! I miss you every day.

Dev: If you're reading this, then I am already an expert bicyclist and you are a double-sock master. We may have eaten the worst meal ever, followed by the worst movie ever, but I'm glad I wore the skirt. Remember, all you need to get by is

pshama MD

Raina Sidhu, M.D.

New York University, B.A.
Morristown, NJ

Mom and Dad, thanks for everything! You know I couldn't have done this without your moral and financial support. I appreciate you listening to me cry and moan and threaten to quit over the years. You are wonderful parents, and the faith and pride you have in me is sometimes undeserved. I love you.

Gran, thank you for all of your love, praise and support.

Duda, thanks for always cheering me up when I am down and helping me take much needed breaks with Anchorman and Arrested Development.

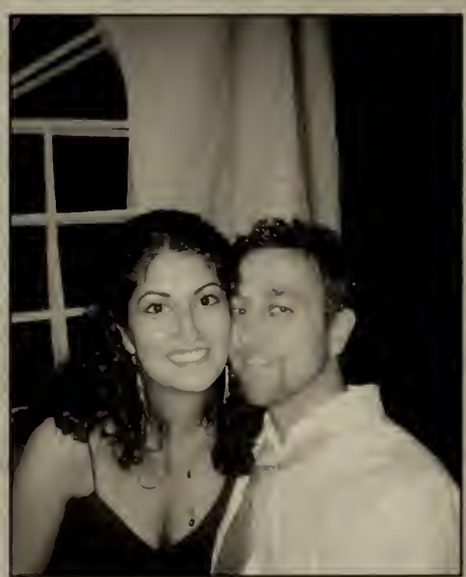
Aunt and Sandeep, thanks for constantly cheering me on and letting me crash at your house and have free meals from time to time.

Layne, thanks for always being ready to do fun, girly stuff like shopping and manicures with me.

Row, thanks for keeping me laughing and helping me study. I'll never forget our question sessions.

Greg, since I met you, I've been a much happier person. Thanks for putting up with me. I can't wait for the fun times that are yet to come for us.

To my girlfriends, thanks for being such amazing women, for listening to me rant, and for going out on the town and raising hell with me.



Raina Sidhu MD

Arida Siripong, M.D.

University of Pennsylvania, B.A.
Newcastle, PA

To my friends:
It's been so much fun getting to know all of you and your unique personalities the past 4 years. I never expected medical school to be so much fun, and I know that you all made these years fly by. From snowed-in ski trips to corn mazes and spontaneous road trips, I feel lucky to have met such great people during this time. Keep in touch!

To my parents and sister:
An endless amount of love and thanks for your support and encouragement throughout my life. Even though I didn't become that gourmet chef or childrens book illustrator that I thought I was going to be, I know that you would have supported me either way. That is more than I could ever ask for, and I thank you again and again.
Luv,
Arida

Arida Siripong, MD

Kelly N. Smith, M.D.

University of California, Santa Barbara, B.S.
South Pasadena, CA

Congratulations to the Class of 2008! What a journey! I feel privileged to have learned the art of medicine alongside such brilliant classmates. I cherish the friendships that we have developed over the past four years and look forward to many more memories with my fellow Dragons!

I share this accomplishment with my dear family. Dad, Mom, Brock and Erin -- Your love and support have made my dream become a reality. You have been with me to overcome the obstacles and to celebrate the victories. And to David, the love of my life, from South America to New York City, Philadelphia to Chicago - our love and commitment know no boundaries. Thank you for taking every step of this journey with me.

Lisa K. Smith, M.D.

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, B.F.A.
Waukesha, WI

Thank you to the most amazing friends and classmates, especially Marcelo, Katie, Byron and Sapna. You are intelligent, caring, passionate and FUN and I couldn't have made it through med school half as happy and sane without you.

Thank you Mom, Dad, Al and Barb for all of your support, encouragement, caring and Starbucks cards. I am so incredibly blessed to have four people I can count on for anything. I truly couldn't have come this far without your love and support.

And thank you Mike, for being there for me through every second of it, for listening to me at all hours of the day, for finding the right words during the many stressful times and for being there for me to share all of the small and big excitements.

I love you all.

Lisa Smith, MD

Melanie Reyes Sobel, M.D.

University of California, San Diego, B.S., B.A.
Sherman Oaks, CA

Best wishes to the Class of 2008!

Melanie Reyes Sobel, M.D.

Dennis Michael Sopka, M.D.

Purdue University, B.S.
Lombard, IL

Success
To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate beauty,
To find the best in others,
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;
To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded.
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Julie Speakman, M.D.

University of Pittsburgh, B.S.
Pittsburgh, PA

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Steelers

Julie Speakman

Sara Spettel Aliyar, M.D.

Barnard College, Columbia University, B.A.
Eugene, OR

Good luck to the Class of 2008!

Ksenia Stafeeva, M.D.

Gannon University, B.S.
Drexel University, M.S.
Omsk, Russia

I am very happy and excited to finish one journey in my life and start another one. My life is a journey and I love every moment of it.
I cannot find words to thank my dear parents and family for everything they have done for me. Thank you!!!
I love you very much.
I want to thank all my dear friends who were great support for me here in the United States. They became my family and made my times very enjoyable.
I want to thank all my teachers who contributed to my education.
I love you all!

Amaal Jilani Starling, M.D.

University of California, Los Angeles, B.S.
University of California, Los Angeles, M.S.
Phoenix, AZ

I've been searching for a good quote that represents my page for the past hour, but I cannot seem to find one that encompasses everything I want to say...so, although this will not be as eloquent as Gandhi, Mandela, etc...it is from the heart.

I love you all very much! Thank you for standing by me, believing in me, crying with me, and most of all laughing with me.

Amu and Abi, I finally did it! And I want you to know that I am happy, so very happy. Your "amaal" has become a reality.

Aali, our laughter kept me...well...laughing :) I love you so much!

And to Robert...without you I would not be here. This is our accomplishment, our graduation, and our chance to begin a new chapter of our wonderfully long life together.

Love, Amaal

Amaal Starling, MD

Charles C. Stehman, M.D.

Drexel University, B.S.
Bausman, PA

Mom, Dad, Katie and Jesse, Thank you for your loving support and always having confidence in me. I love you all.

Quyen, Thank you for always being there when I needed some one to talk to and for your constant support. You are my best friend. I love you.

Best of luck to everyone; here are a few of my favorite medicine quotations.

"Have a heart that never hardens, a temper that never tires, a touch that never hurts."
-- Charles Dickens

"We have to ask ourselves whether medicine is to remain a humanitarian and respected profession or a new but depersonalized science in the service of prolonging life rather than diminishing human suffering."
-- Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

"Medical education is not completed at the medical school: it is only begun."
-- William H. Welch

Erin Sterenson, M.D.

Villanova University, B.S.
Cedar Grove, NJ

Jim: There are no words to describe what you mean to me. You have completely turned my life around...you have brought me happiness, confidence, and health. But, most importantly, you have brought me love. I am so excited to start this new chapter in our lives together! I love you.

Mom, Dad, and Brett: Thank you for supporting me throughout the years. I know that without your love and encouragement, I would not be where I am today. At times when I've struggled, you always remained beside me. I might not have expressed my gratitude, but I want you all to know I have been grateful every step of the way. Your support has always and will always mean the world to me. I love you!

Friends, new and old: You have each made a mark upon my life, and I hold you all near to my heart!

E. Sterenson MD

Jessika Marie Strunk M.D.

The George Washington University, B.S.
Reading, PA

"Follow your heart and your dreams will come true."
- Anonymous

Mom, Dad, Kory and Aryk: Without you I would not be here today, Thank you.

My ladies: I'll never forget our dinners, question sets at the coffee shop, endless phone calls and countless conversations wondering how we'll ever get to the end. We made it!

Andy: I think this sums it up, "Is Mt. Rushmore near here?"

Jessika Strunk, MD.

Dominick George Sudano, M.D.

The Pennsylvania State University, B.S.
Exton, PA

Thanks Mom. Dad, and Victor!!!
Also thanks to Lisa and the rest of my med school friends.
Best of luck!!!

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct the other way - in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only."
Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities

M.D.

Mala Tanna, M.D.

Muhlenberg College, B.A.
Smithtown, NY

Michael C. Tressler, M.D.

Kalamazoo College, B.S.
Detroit, MI

My four years at Drexel have been the most challenging of my life. Each class and each rotation brought with it new challenges. I consider myself lucky to have had mentors like Dr. Boselli, Oaks, Simon, Flood, Flagg, O'Connor, and Leventhal to help show me the way. More importantly, I am fortunate to have my family and fiancee Vivien. Without your support, I could not have done this. I love you all very much.

Filip Tomasz Troicki, M.D.

Dartmouth College, B.S.
Drexel University LeBow College of Business, M.B.A.
Konin, Poland

I would like to thank my beautiful and brilliant wife, Juliane, who patiently and lovingly supported me throughout my 5 years of: One MD degree, one MBA degree, two home renovations, two USMLE Steps, numerous "extracurricular activities", and most importantly gave me two beautiful boys! THANK YOU!!! - I would do it all over again in a flash!

I would also like to thank my courageous and loving parents, who supported me through every wise decision, and undermined my efforts of making a mistake. THANK YOU!!!

I would also like to say hello to my classmates from the DUCOM Class of 2007!!!! Hi ;o) and thanks for a great 4 years!!!

Best,
Filip

Tsung-Lin Roger Tsai, M.D.

University of Florida, B.S.
Lake Mary, FL

Thank you mom, dad, and sister for supporting me and helping me strive through the struggles in life, the great times in life, and in medical school so that I can become the successful man I am today. Your dedication and encouraging words have allowed me to succeed and get where I am, and I can never be appreciative enough for all you have done for me! I also want to thank all the friends I have made at Drexel; we have shared many life changing experiences within the past few years that I will never forget. It has been a tough but rewarding road, and I wish the best of luck to everyone in the class of 2008 in our future endeavors. Remember life is precious and short, treasure every moment, we've finally made it! Thank you for all of the wonderful experiences and memories for the past 3 years, keep in touch!

"Work like you don't need the money, dance like no one is watching, and love like you've never been hurt. "

Jason Ulrichs, M.D.

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Mom, thank you for instilling in me the importance of education and for pushing me to better myself. You inspired my love for medicine. I will miss you always.

Dad, thank you for your unending support. You have taught me how to succeed, and I am grateful for your guidance.

Liz, thank you for your constant willingness to lend an ear and for your talent in cheering me up. I'm thankful to have you as my sister and my friend.

Jason Ulrichs

Robert N. Uniszkiewicz, M.D.

Muhlenberg College, B.S.
Hillsborough, NJ

I would like to use this space to thank everyone who has helped me achieve this incredible goal. When I look back on the journey thus far, I have nothing but visions of happiness, passion, and love. I would not be the man I am today if it wasn't for the other people on this page. Their support and utmost faith in me as a person was what kept me studying all those long nights. It was also what helped me get back up each and every time that I stumbled. This achievement has been made possible by their love, and, for that, I am eternally grateful.

I am also grateful for my friend and classmate Leonardo Santana. Even though he may pale in comparison to others as a ping pong player, his loyalty and friendship go unmatched. We did it buddy!

"On the mountains of truth you can never climb in vain: either you will reach a point higher up today, or you will be training your powers so that you will be able to climb higher tomorrow."
-**Friedrich Nietzsche**

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Graduating from medical school has been my childhood dream come true. It could not have been possible without the love and support of my family and friends. I am blessed to have all of you in my life.

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My mom and dad: For always believing in me, even when I did not believe in myself. For never giving up on me, even when I felt like giving up.

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My Mama and Papa: For showing me the meaning of strength in character and the value of a well-educated mind.

My Rachel: For making me smile.

Milan V. Vora, M.D.

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Reza is my GOD. He owns me!

Thanks for the good times, though!

Kelly Marie Wanamaker, M.D.

Old Dominion University B.S.
Dale City, Virginia

Thank you isn't enough for all you've done. To my loving Mom and Dad: I am who I am today because of you and for that, I am truly grateful and blessed.

For my Dad: And in the tradition of the Marine Corps stay "*always faithful*" to your goals! "Semper Fi"

"Let the world know you as you are, not as you think you should be, because sooner or later, if you are posing, you will forget the pose, and then where are you?" Fanny Brice (thanks Christina)

"And I hope that you are having the time of your life" Gnarls Barkley (thanks Sherry)

"I don't date decels" (thanks Tim for all of your wisdom, encouragement, and good times, best friend!)

"Heeeelp" (Tabago Cays; thanks Adrian for saving my life!)

Barrymore's rule for dating? "Let your freak-flag fly and if someone doesn't get you, move on" (thanks again Christina)

"I'm ready for yesterday" (Jen Keefer; the medical student who climbs mountains in high heeled shoes)

"Once you free yourself from fear, you can do whatever you please" Anthony Hopkins

"If I leave here tomorrow Would you still remember me? For I must be traveling on, now, There's too many places I haven't seen" LS

Kelly Wanamaker, MD

Justin D. Weigand, M.D.

Villanova University, B.S.
Allentown, PA

"Yeah runnin' down a dream
That never would come to me
Workin' on a mystery, goin' wherever it leads
I'm runnin' down a dream"

To my family and friends who have had less and less of my time, more and more of my complaining, and helped me bear the last four years with humor- Thank you.

Justin D. Weigand M.D.

Michael J. Wong, M.D.

Lehigh University, B.A.
Princeton, NJ

Hey everyone. Thanks for four years that I'll never forget. I made great friends from the very beginning. We suffered together and celebrated together, from post-exam celebrations to thanksgiving dinners. Vijay, so much fun with the fryer, ping pong balls, pool, pretty much everything. Lisa, I'm so happy with our discovery and I know things will only get better. I can't wait to see what our future holds.
To my family, thanks for the ever present support. I loved having brunch with you every Sunday, mom. Dad, you're infinite love amazes me. I'm so glad I went up to NY this year and got to hang out with you Nancy. Frances, hope we end up in NY or CA together; we'll try all the best restaurants together.
Thanks everyone!

Serena Wu, M.D.

UC Berkeley, B.A.
San Francisco, CA

Dear Family and Friends,

It's funny, at the very moment when it would behoove me to think of something witty and profound to say, the only words that come to mind are, Thank you. Because without your support, I would not be here today.

Love, Serena

Serena Wu M.D.

Julie Xu, M.D.

University of Maryland, College Park, B.S.
Columbia, MD

It is hard to believe 4 long years have gone by already. However, it was a colorful 4 years filled with many sleepless nights, tears, sweats, and some regrets. More importantly, there were many, many joyful and exciting moments that satisfied our thirst for knowledge and passion in helping others. We have all accomplished so much more than just surviving medical school. For that we are proud and so are our love ones. I want to thank my lovely family and all of my friends new or old for their indispensable support and love, which kept me going every single day. I also want to thank the supportive faculty of DUCOM who have taught us their life learnings, provided us with guidance, and some have gone far beyond the call of duty. These sweet memories will be treasured, and I hope I have also left a mark in your memories. I wish you all health and greater success in your future endeavors.

Julie Xu MD

Christal Young, M.D.

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North Franklin, CT

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face...You must do the thing which you think you cannot do."
- Eleanor Roosevelt

Mom & Dad - Thank you so much for putting up with me, I could not have gotten this far without you.

Over the last four years I have made friendships I hope will last for decades, I have made memories I will never forget, and I have achieved more than I ever thought I would. I consider myself lucky to have been touched by so many unique people. This time spent at Drexel will not be forgotten, I will truly miss every one of you. Good luck to you all as we head out into the next phase of our careers!

C. Young, M.D.

More members of the Class of 2008

David Abbatemateo

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Vishal Gunnala

Jennifer Hanson

Peter Headley

Adam Holleran

Nelson Huang

Jodi Langer

Ritika Mahajan

Rachel Morris

Mehul Nagarsheth

Samantha Nagengast

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Robert O'Malley

Brian Osman

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Joshua Chiapelli
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Clifford Schneider
Anila Thomas
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Susy Yusung

Before we were doctors...

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Amaal Starling

Kim Albrecht

Annette Lopez

Derek Frazier

Karin Reed

Ryan Callahan

Karen Lee

Jessika Strunk

Adam Coker

Steven Kim

Richard Kiel

Cynelle Murray

...we were very cute babies!

Nazely Ashikian

Joey Sanders

Carl Allen Bernas

Amy Hwang

Sharifa Glass

Bonnie Lau

Daniel Sanchez

Dennis Sopka

Eddie Kwon

Beth Juhas

Elinor Lin

Heath Dreyfuss

Christina Lee

JoAnn Eng

Erin Sterenson

Daryl Martinez

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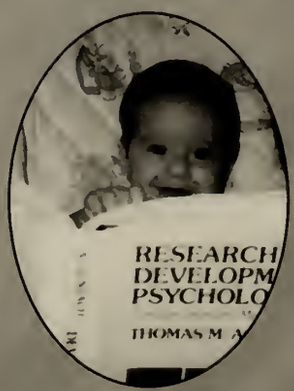

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From Orientation and the White Coat Ceremony . . .

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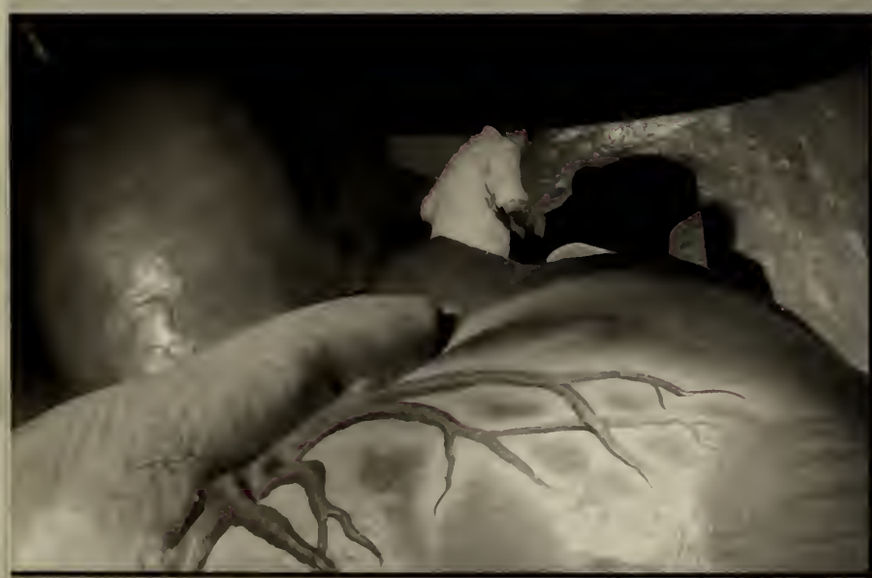

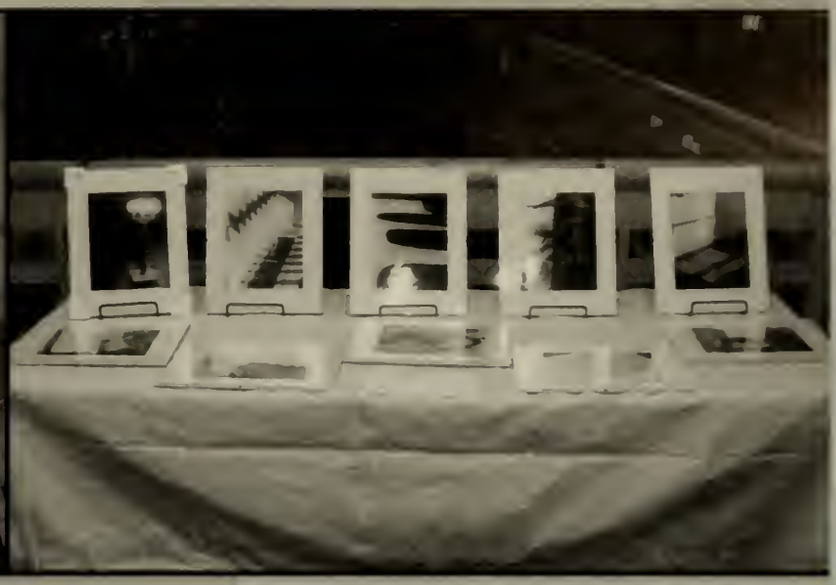

Events Through the Years

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Drexel University College of Medicine

First-Year Orientation

White Coat Ceremony

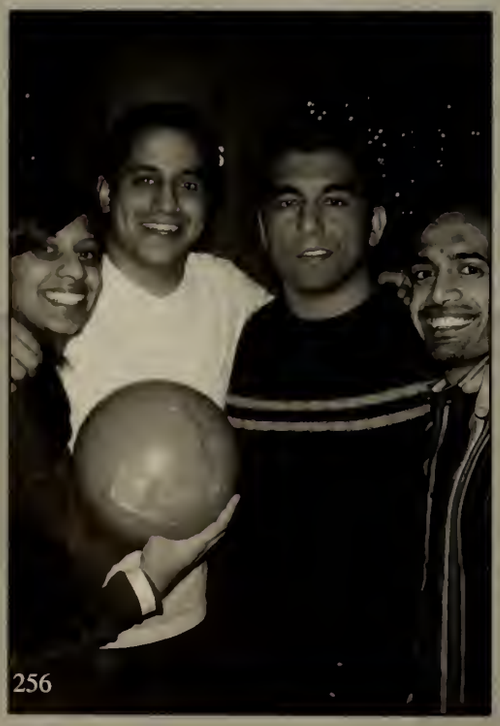
Halloween

VOPE

Noles

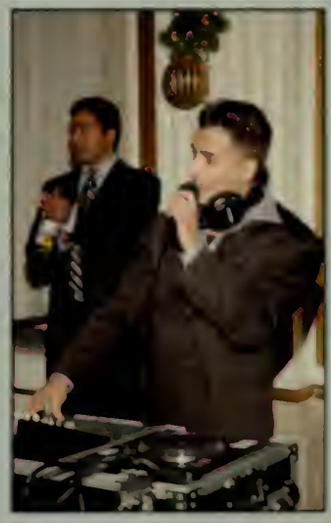
LOWER

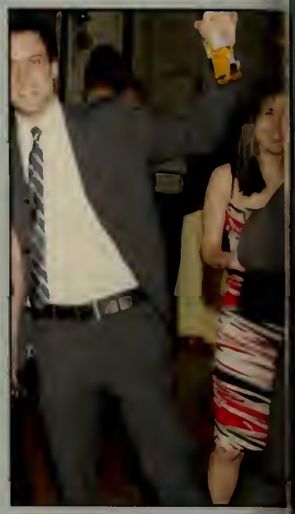
DUCOM Sports

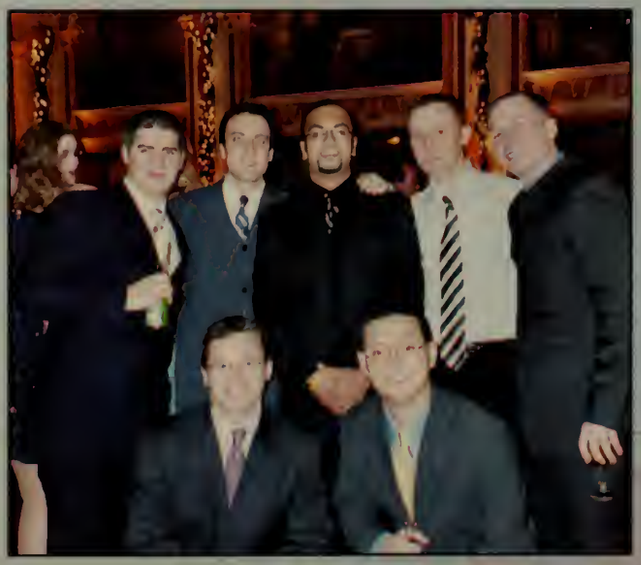


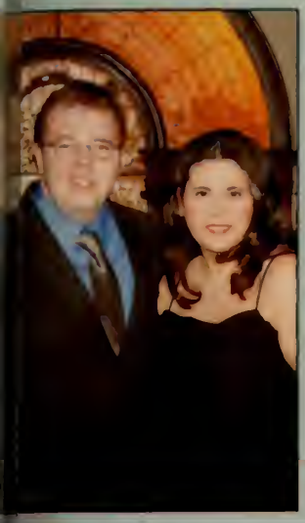
Pediatric AIDS Benefit Concert

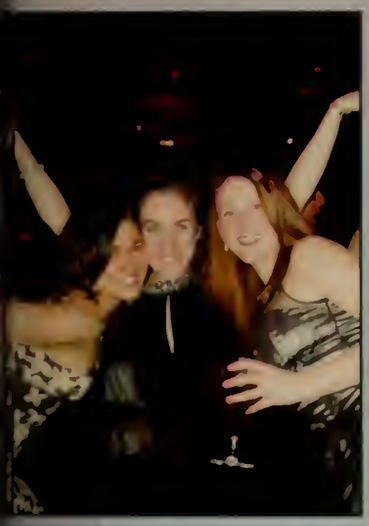
Winter Formals

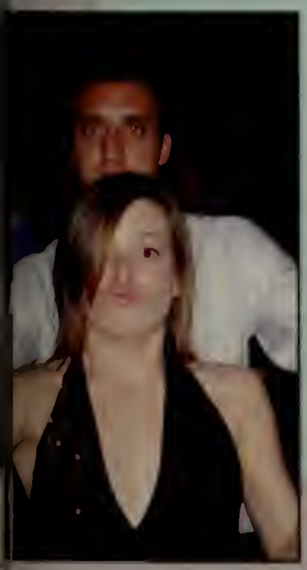












Golden Apple Awards

2005

Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching

IFM: Dr. Denise Ferrier, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

PIL: Dr. Francis Sessler, Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy

Golden Apple Award for Outstanding Services to the Student Body

Student Body: Ms. Marie Hartman, Office of Student Affairs

SGA: Dr. Samuel Parrish, Office of Student Affairs

2006

Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching

IFM: Dr. G. John DiGregorio, Department of Pharmacology and Physiology

PIL: Dr. Donna Russo, Department of Microbiology and Immunology

Golden Apple Award for Outstanding Services to the Student Body

Student Body: Dr. Samuel Parrish, Office of Student Affairs

SGA: Mr. Eric Abdullah, Queen Lane Cafeteria Services

2007

Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching

Attending Physician:

Dr. Joseph Jenci - OB/GYN, St. Peter's
Dr. Robert Massaro - OB/GYN, Monmouth
Dr. Marc Newman - Family Medicine, Manayunk
Dr. Michael Weingarten - Surgery, HUH

Golden Stethoscope Award for Excellence in Teaching

Resident Physician:

Dr. Giuseppi Chiossi - OB/GYN, AGH
Dr. Raja Gopaldas - Surgery, Easton Hospital
Dr. Jonas Mansson - Surgery, Monmouth
Dr. Masoud Rezvani - Surgery, Abington

Golden Apple Award for Outstanding Services to the Student Body

Student Body: Ms. Marie Hartman, Office of Student Affairs
SGA: Mr. Reo Campbell, Financial Aid Office

2008

Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching

Attending Physician:

Dr. Joseph Boselli - Medicine, HUH
Dr. Margaret Fisher - Pediatrics, Monmouth
Dr. Jessica Israel - Medicine Monmouth
Dr. Howard Miller - Medicine, HUH

Golden Stethoscope Award for Excellence in Teaching

Resident Physician:

Dr. Carlos Barrionuevo - OB/GYN, Monmouth
Dr. Brian Hunt - OB/GYN, Monmouth
Dr. Jason Kotsky - Surgery, AGH
Dr. Greta Piper - Surgery, AGH
Dr. John Vaclavik - OB/GYN, Monmouth

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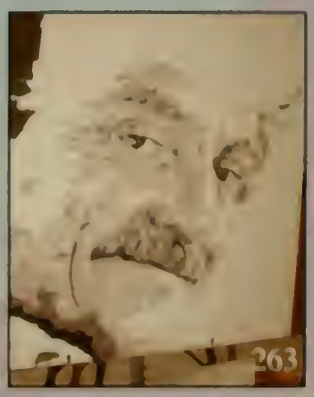
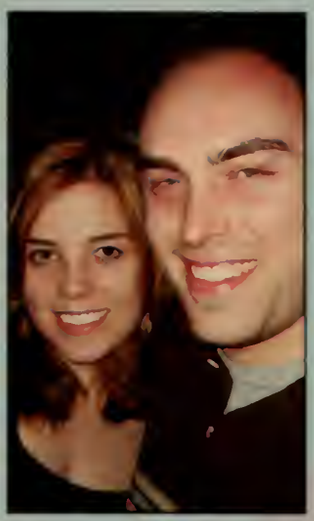
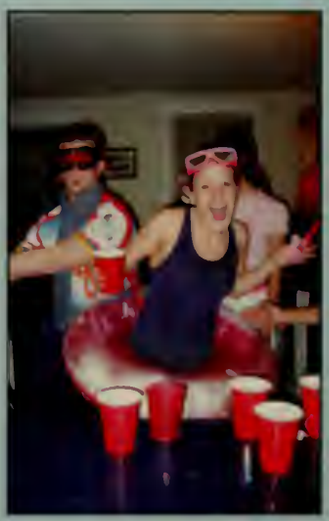
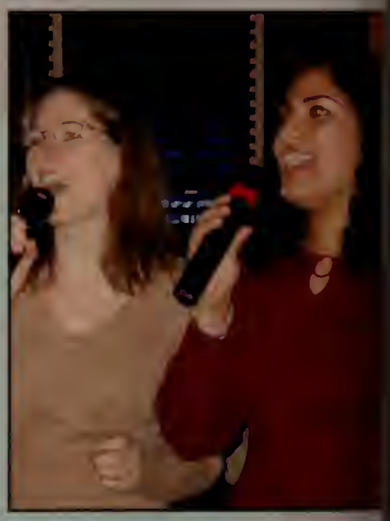
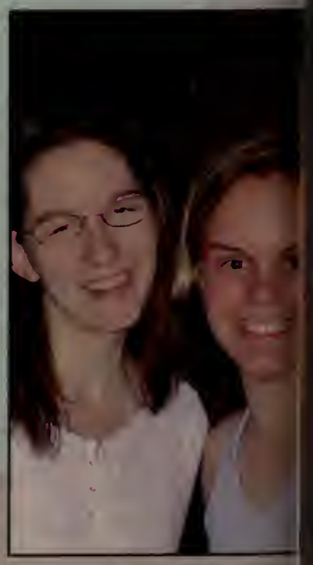


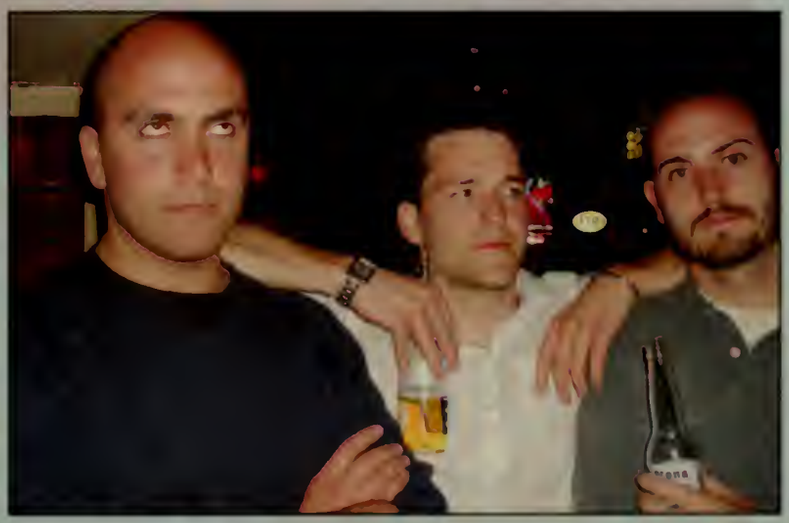
Study Hard, Play Hard
Post-Exam Fun











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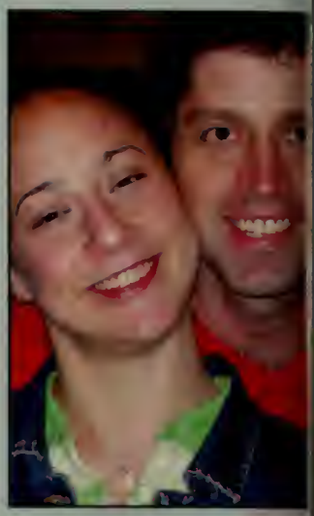
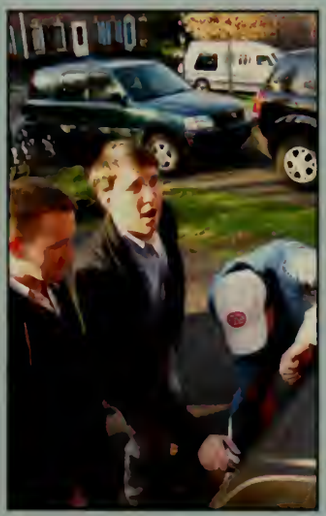
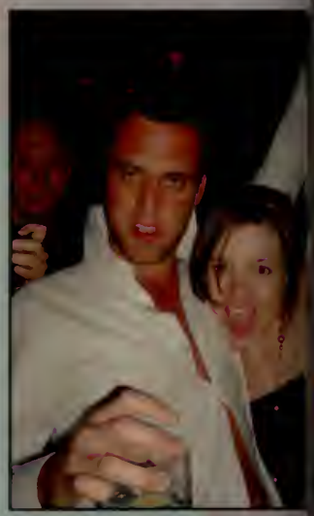
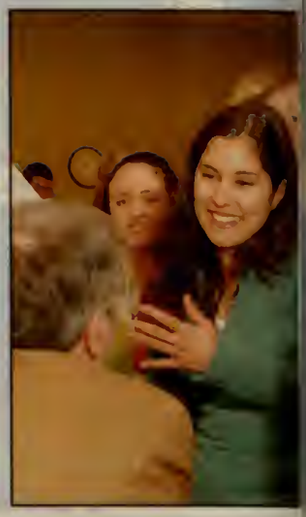






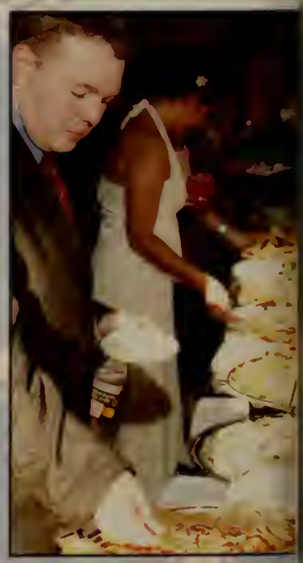


Class of 2008

Match Day

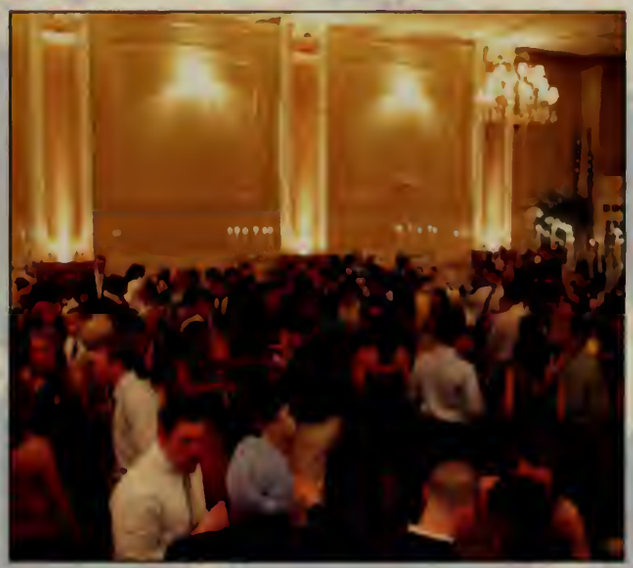
Senior Formal

Alumn



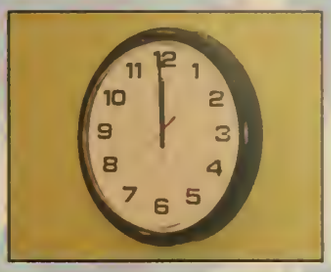
Senior Events

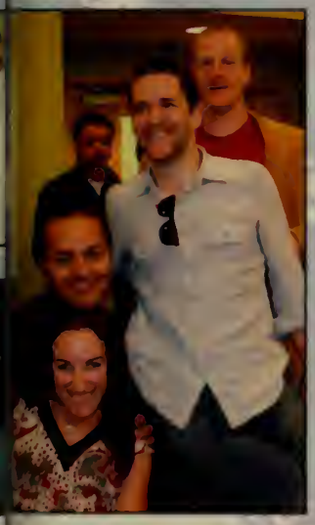
Luncheon Awards Graduation



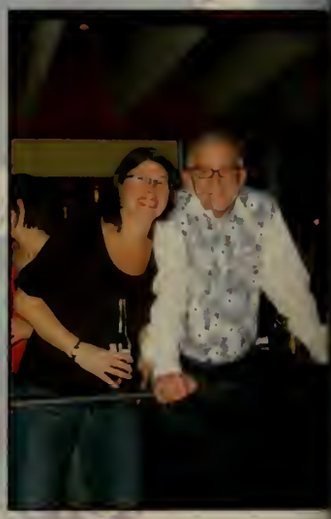
100 Days Until Graduation Mexican Post 2.7.08

Match Day
3.20.08





Match Day Party at Mexican Post & Vango



2008 Match Results

David Abbatematteo
Einstein/Montefiore Med Ctr-NY
Anesthesiology
Roger Williams Med Ctr-RI
Medicine-Preliminary
Adam Abdulally
UPMC St Margaret-PA
Family Medicine
Adelaide Adjovu
Baylor Coll of Med-Houston-TX
Internal Medicine
Yasmeen Agosti
UMDNJ-RW Johnson-NJ
Emergency Medicine
Amiethab Aiyer
Hershey Med Ctr/Penn State-PA
Orthopaedic Surgery/Research
Shahab Akvan
Allegeheny General Hosp-PA
General Surgery
Kimberly Albrecht
Yale-New Haven Hosp-CT
Anesthesiology
VA Commonwealth U Hlth Sys
Medicine Preliminary
Licette Almonte
Abington Mem Hospital-PA
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Todd Alter
Temple University Hosp-PA
Emergency Medicine
Nirav Amin
Drexel University COM-PA
Orthopaedic Surgery
Ankur Anand
Johns Hopins Hosp-MD
Anesthesiology
Staten Island U Hosp-NY
Medicine Preliminary
Mark Anderson
Duke University-NC
Urology
Brooke Army Medical Center-TX
Surgery Preliminary
Nazely Ashikian
U Southern California
Neurology
Einstein/Montefiore Med Ctr-NY
Medicine Preliminary
Christian Nabil Athanassious
Monmouth Medical Center-NJ
Orthopaedic Surgery
Farah Awadalla
VCU Health System-VA
Dermatology
UC Irvine Medical Center-CA
Internal Medicine Preliminary

Dafna Honey Bababeygy
USC-CA
Pediatrics
Katherine Rotondo Baker
U of Wisc Hosp and Clinics-WI
Pediatrics
Prashant Thakur Bakhru
Einstein/Jacobi Med Center-NY
Radiology Diagnostic
UMDNJ RWJ-NJ
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Elise Catherine Ballard
U of Arizona Affiliate Hosp-AZ
Internal Medicine
Vijay Bapat
U of Texas SW Med School-TX
Internal Medicine
Medina Barnes
NY Hosp Med Ctr Queens-NY
Emergency Medicine
James Joseph Bender
Hershey Med Ctr/PSUCOM-PA
Psychiatry
Carl Allen Diestro Bernas
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Internal Medicine
Brian Edward Bernhardt
Banner Good Sam Med Ctr-AZ
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Eric Donald Biewenga
Naval Med Ctr San Diego-CA
General Surgery
James Alan Blair, Jr.
Brooke Army Medical Center-TX
Orthopaedic Surgery
Matthew James Bock
Loma Linda University-CA
Pediatric
Mercedes Allysia Boggs
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Emergency Medicine
Robert Colin Brabender
Allegheny General Hospital-PA
Orthopaedic Surgery
Daniel Brelian
Georgetown Univ Hospital-DC
Internal Medicine
Michael Vito Brown
DeWitt Army Comm Hosp-VA
Family Medicine
Scot Andrew Brown
Stony Brook Teaching Hosp-NY
Orthopaedic Surgery
Jennifer Christine Burnsed
University of Virginia-VA
Pediatrics

Marcy Byrns
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Internal Medicine
Ryan Michael Callahan
Univ of Pittsburgh Med Ctr-PA
Pediatrics
Nicole LaChelle Camp
George Washington Univ-DC
Anesthesiology
Albert Einstein Med Ctr-PA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Desi R. Carozza
Univ of Tennessee COM-TN
Internal Medicine & Pediatrics
Anjaly Belur Chandramouly
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Radiology Diagnostic
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Nida Afzah Chaudhary
Brown University-RI
Internal Medicine
Faisal Aziz Chaudhry
Einstein/Montefiore Med Ctr-NY
Anesthesiology
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Kanwaljit Kaur Chawla
Mount Sinai Hospital-NY
Pediatrics
Chau Bao Che
NYU SOM-NY
Internal Medicine
Stephen Sam-fong Chen
USC-CA
Internal Medicine
Joshua Chiappelli
Univ of MD Medical Center-MD
Psychiatry
Jessica S. Choe
UCLA Medical Center-CA
Neurology
Harbor-UCLA Med Center-CA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Daniel Kyuyoung Choi
Northwestern/CMH-IL
Pediatrics
Nicole Suejin Choy
Lankenau Hospital-PA
General Surgery
Michael Jia Chuang
SUNY HSC Brooklyn-NY
Orthopaedic Surgery
Margarita Chudner
LIJ Medical Center-NY
Obstetrics-Gynecology

Adam David Coker
Georgetown UnivHospital-DC
Anesthesiology
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Dana Lynn Crosby
Southern Illinois Univ SOM-IL
Otolaryngology
Melissa Cruz
White Memorial Med Ctr-CA
Family Medicine
Bethany Stitt Cunningham
Madigan Army Med Center-W
Pediatrics
Khaled Ahmad Dajani
NY Presbyterian Hosp Weill
Cornell Medical Center-NY
Anesthesiology
Jason E. Davis
Sound Shore Med Center-NY
General Surgery
Thomas Walter Davis
Geisinger Health System-PA
Internal Medicine & Pediatrics
Danielle Jeanette DAvolio
Lancaster General Hospital-P
Family Medicine
Maria Syl de la Cruz
University of Michigan Hosp-M
Family Medicine
Erika Lynn Deraleau
Kaiser Permanente SF-CA
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Kena Kirtikant Desai
Dartmouth Med Ctr-NH
Internal Medicine
Heath Franklin Dreyfuss
Univ of Illinois at Chicago-IL
Otolaryngology
Christine Marie Drower
Duke University Med Ctr-NC
Family Medicine
Christine W. Du
Lehigh Valley Hospital-PA
General Surgery
Melissa Lauren DuBois
Reading Hospital Med Ctr-PA
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Ryan Killian Duffy
University of Vermont-VM
Orthopaedic Surgery
JoAnn Eng
SUNY HSC Brooklyn-NY
Internal Medicine

2008 Match Results

Elysia Marie Engelage
UCLA Medical Center-CA
Internal Medicine
Jacob Neil Erickson
Maricopa Medical Center-AZ
Emergency Medicine
Eric Paul Eutsler
Yale New Haven Hospital-CT
Radiology Diagnostic
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Megan Chen Feetham
Group Health Cooperative-WA
Family Medicine
Violet Maria Fernandes
TJU/duPont Childrens-DE
Pediatrics
Nina Elizabeth Ferraris
UConn Health Center-CT
General Surgery
Abbey Leigh Fingeret
NY Presbyterian Hosp Columbia
Univ Medical Center-NY
General Surgery
Gabriel Flaxman
Sutter Med Ctr, Santa Rosa-CA
Family Medicine
Adam Benjamin Fleit
UConn Health Center-CT
Orthopaedic Surgery
John Patrick Flynn
Thomas Jefferson University-PA
Anesthesiology
Lankenau Hospital-PA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Sarah Semple Foster
Univ of Pittsburgh Med Ctr-PA
Pediatrics
Rebecca Anne Fox
Univ of Pittsburgh Med Ctr-PA
Emergency Medicine
Baruch M. Frankel
Med Univ of South Carolina-SC
Internal Medicine
Derek Michael Frazier
Darnall Army Medical Center-TX
Emergency Medicine
Sandi-Jo Galati*
Yale New Haven Hospital
New Haven, CT
Internal Medicine
Diana Janet Garretto
Stony Brook Teaching Hosp-NY
Obstetrics-Gynecology

Tara Lynn Gayman
Univ of Pittsburgh Med Ctr-PA
Anesthesiology
Albert Einstein Med Center-PA
Transitional
Maria Dona Georgiades
SUNY HSC Brooklyn-NY
General Surgery
Lisa Kay Gibson
NavalHosp,Camp Pendelton-CA
Family Medicine
Monica Jung Gin
Loma Linda University-CA
Pediatrics
Sharifa Nanyamka Glass
UT Med Branch at Galveston-TX
Pediatrics
Amit Kumar Gossain
Loyola Univ Medical Center-IL
Internal Medicine
David James Grasso
Pennsylvania Hospital-PA
Radiology Diagnostic
Albert Einstein Med Center-PA
Transitional
Israel Green-Hopkins
Childrens Hospital Boston-MA
Pediatrics
Vishal Gunnala
Loyola Univ Medical Center-IL
Internal Medicine & Pediatrics
Lara Renee Hart
Univ of Tennessee COM-TN
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Ronni Hayon
Univ of Wisc SOM and PH-WI
Family Medicine
Peter Abraham Headley
Univ of New Mexico SOM-NM
Urology
Zachary Scott Hoffer
Madigan Army Med Center-WA
Pathology
Scott J. Hoffman
Mayo School of GradMedEd-MN
Internal Medicine/CI Research
Adam Martin Holleran
UC Irvine Medical Center-CA
Orthopaedic Surgery
Tom Anh Hong
Hamot Medical Center-PA
Orthopaedic Surgery
Allison R. Horowitz
St. Christophers Hospital-PA
Pediatrics

Rebecca Jackson Howell
George Washington Univ-DC
Otolaryngology
Nelson Huang
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Emergency Medicine
Nadeem Imran Hussain
Temple University Hospital-PA
Physical Medicine & Rehab
Abington Memorial Hospital-PA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Amy Hyun Kyung Hwang
Univ of Maryland Med Ctr-MD
Internal Medicine
Lisa Hsin-I Hwang
DUCOM/HUH-PA
General Surgery
Anubhav Puttanniah Jagadish
Henry Ford HSC-MI
Orthopaedic Surgery
Anand Jain
Univ of Washington-WA
Anesthesiology
Alin Annie John
New England Med Center-MA
Internal Medicine
Elizabeth A. Juhas
Univ of Pittsburgh Med Ctr-PA
Internal Medicine - Preliminary
Julissa Elizabeth Jurado
UMDNJ NJ Medical Newark-NJ
General Surgery
Kiana Kashef
Brigham & Womens Hospital
Boston, MA
Anesthesiology
Crozer-Chester Med Center-PA
Transitional
Robert N. Keddis
NYU SOM-NY
Anesthesiology
St. Barnabas Medical Center-NJ
Transitional
Linda Keele
Cincinnati Childrens Hosp-OH
Pediatrics
Gauri Kelekar
Cedars Sinai Medical Center-CA
Internal Medicine
Stephanie Diane Keller
Hosp of the Univ of Penn-PA
Anesthesiology
Anton George Kelly
Easton Hospital-PA
Surgery Preliminary

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Internal Medicine
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Mt. Sinai Hospital-NY
Obstetrics-Gynecology
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Temple University Hospital-PA
Radiology Diagnostic
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DeWitt Army Comm Hosp-VA
Family Medicine
Jodi Langer
Northwestern University-IL
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Bonnie Lau
Hosp of the Univ of Penn-PA
Emergency Medicine
David Ansley Lawrence*
Yale New Haven Hospital-CT
Radiology Diagnostic
Lehigh Valley Hospital-PA
Transitional
Aaron Solomon Lee
Temple University Hospital-PA
Emergency Medicine

2008 Match Results

Jin Hee Lee
Abington Memorial Hospital-PA
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Karen Lilia Lee
UCLA Medical Center-CA
Neurology
Pennsylvania Hospital-PA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Tae Young Lee
Albany Med Center Hospital-NY
General Surgery
Wai Kiu Lee
UC Davis Medical Center-CA
Family Medicine
Amy Elizabeth Levenson
St. Christophers Hospital-PA
Pediatrics
Elinor Yen-Ru Lin
Harbor-UCLA Med Center-CA
Neurology
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
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St Peters Univ Hospital-NJ
Internal Medicine Preliminary
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DUCOM/HUH-PA
Internal Medicine
Usman Mahmood Lone
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Internal Medicine
Patricia Loo
Harbor-UCLA Med Center-CA
Internal Medicine
Annette Meliza Lopez
Albert Einstein Med Center-PA
Emergency Medicine
Ele Lozares-Lewis
Sutter Med Ctr, Santa Rosa-CA
Family Medicine
Reza Madani
St. Christophers Hospital-PA
Pediatrics
Ritika Mahajan
St. Lukes/Roosevelt-NY
Opthalmology
UMDNJ RWJ Piscataway-NJ
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Semhar Mahmud
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Marcelo Ramin Malakooti
Northwestern Univ/CMH-IL
Pediatrics

Abhijith Dev Mally
Univ of Pittsburgh Med Ctr-PA
Urology
Univ of Pittsburgh Med Ctr-PA
Surgery Preliminary
Ajay Mahesh Manchandia
Temple University Hospital-PA
Ophthalmology
Pennsylvania Hospital-PA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
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USC-CA
Pathology
LaToia Monneque Marks
UT Med School Houston-TX
Obstetrics-Gynecology
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UC Irvine Medical Center-CA
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Univ of Illinois at Chicago-IL
Psychiatry
Jeremy Michel
TJU/duPont Childrens-PA
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Walter Reed Medical Center-MI
Physical Medicine & Rehab
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Temple University Hospital-PA
Emergency Medicine
Hina Mirzan
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Internal Medicine
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UC San Francisco-CA
Emergency Medicine
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DUCOM/HUH-PA
Internal Medicine
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Temple University Hospital-PA
Psychiatry
Rachel Emily Morris
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Emergency Medicine
Silus Motamarry
University of Florida-FL
Ophthalmology
Sound Shore Medical Center-NY
Transitional

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Brown University-RI
Internal Medicine
Cynelle Murray
USC-CA
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Natalie Tanya Nagahawatte
Thomas Jefferson University-PA
Obstetrics-Gynecology
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Case Western Reserve-OH
Ophthalmology
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St. Lukes/Roosevelt Hosp-NY
Ophthalmology
Crozer-Chester Med Center-PA
Transitional
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Ohio State Univ Med Center-OH
Emergency Medicine
Edgar Andrés Navas Lizarazo
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Radiology Diagnostic
George Washington Univ-DC
Internal Medicine Preliminary
William Henry Nelson
Allegheny General Hospital-PA
General Surgery
Noelle Rose Niemand
University of Texas Medical
Branch at Galveston
Galveston, TX
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Adrienne Hope North
Northwestern Univ/CMH-IL
Pediatrics
Pallavi Ojha
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Ophthalmology
Mercy Catholic Medicine-PA
Transitional
Robert Martin OMalley
Providence Portland MedCtr-OR
Internal Medicine
Brian Mark Osman
Jackson Memorial Hospital-FL
Anesthesiology
Michael Paul Palmer
Allegheny General Hospital-PA
Surgery Preliminary

Mered S. Parnes
SUNY HSC Brooklyn-NY
Pediatrics
Baylor College of Medicine-TX
Child Neurology
Hiten Bhaskar Patel
Einstein/Jacobi Med Ctr-NY
Radiology Diagnostic
Albert Einstein Med Center-PA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
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Anesthesiology
Alon Payenson
Christiana Care
Newark, DE
Internal Med/Emergency Med
Rachel Anne Pazder Bennett
Hosp of the Univ of Penn-PA
Psychiatry
Alexander D. V. Pham
Cedars Sinai Med Center-CA
Internal Medicine
Michael Thomas Pink
Allegheny General Hosp-PA
Oromaxillofacial Surgery
Steve Casey Pugliese
Johns Hopkins Hospital-MD
Internal Medicine
Elizabeth Purcell
Johns Hopkins Hospital-MD
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Nicole Marie Quiterio
UMDNJ RWJ Piscataway-NJ
Pediatrics
Lesley Alexandra Rabach
Yale New Haven Hospital-CT
Otolaryngology
Karin Anne Reed
Dartmouth-Hitchcock MC-NH
Psychiatry
João Pedro Reinhard
University of Arizona-AZ
Anesthesiology
University of Arizon-AZ
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Melanie Rose Reyes Sobel
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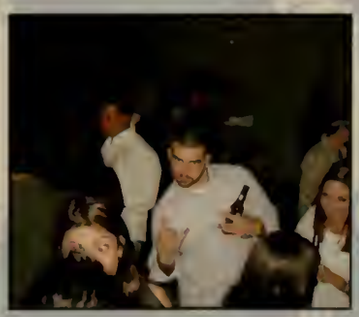

2008 Match Results

James Roth
Mayo School of GradMedEd-MN
Psychiatry
Nichole Denee Ruffner
SUNY HSC Brooklyn-NY
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Inderpreet Singh Saini
UCLA Medical Center-CA
Internal Medicine
Ellie Pavich Salinski
Chrisitana Care-DE
Emergency Med/Family Med
Marie Sophia Samuels
UT Med Branch at Galveston-TX
Emergency Medicine
Daniel Sanchez
Greater Lawrence Family Health Center-MA
Family Medicine
Joseph Aaron Sanders
Einstein/Montefiore Med Ctr-NY
Anesthesiology
NY Hosp Med Ctr Queens-NY
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Arnold Joseph Sansevere
Harvard/Boston Childrens-MA
Child Neurology
North Shore LIJ Health Sys-NY
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Orlando Regional Healthcare-FL
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Igor Sapozhnikov
Northridge Hosp Med Ctr-CA
Family Medicine
Ariel Austryn Savitz
Thomas Jefferson University-PA
Physical Medicine & Rehab
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Reagan Schaplow
Contra Costa Reg Med Ctr-CA
Family Medicine
Eric Schlesinger
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Oromaxillofacial Surgery
Clifford Sean Schneider
Univ of Colorado SOM-CO
Internal Medicine
Jaimin D. Shah
Westchester Medical Center-NY
Radiology Diagnostic
Mountainside Hospital-NJ
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Raza Murtaza Shah
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Sapna Sanjay Shah
Univ Hosp Case Med Ctr-OH
Internal Medicine
Pooja Sharma
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Ophthalmology
Mercy Hospital Pittsburgh-PA
Transitional

Raina K. Sidhu
Thomas Jefferson University-PA
Family Medicine
Arida Siripong
Grand Rapids Medical Ed-MI
General Surgery
Kelly Nicole Smith
Rush Univ Medical Center-IL
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Lisa K. Smith
Marshfield/St. Josephs-WI
Dermatology
Medical College of Wisc-WI
Pediatrics Preliminary
Dennis Michael Sopka
Fox Chase Cancer Center-PA
Radiation Oncology
Lehigh Valley Hospital-PA
Transitional
Julie Ann Speakman
Naval Med Ctr Portsmouth-VA
Pediatrics
Sara Spettel Aliyar
Albany Med Center Hospital-NY
Urology
Albany Med Center Hospital-NY
Surgery Preliminary
Ksenia Stafeeva
Univ of Colorado SOM-CO
Ophthalmology
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Amaal Jilani Starling*
Mayo School Grad Med Ed-AZ
Neurology
Charles Christopher Stehman
Naval Med Ctr Portsmouth-VA
Transitional
Erin Lindsie Sterenson
Mayo School Grad Med Ed-MN
Psychiatry
Jessika Marie Strunk
Reading Hospital Med Ctr-PA
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Dominick George Sudano
Univ of Arizona Affil Hosp-AZ
Internal Medicine
Mala Tanna
Lenox Hill Hospital-NY
Radiology Diagnostic
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Anila Elizabeth Thomas
George Washington Univ-DC
Internal Medicine

Michael Charles Tressler
Univ of Minnesota SOM-MN
Internal Medicine
Filip Tomasz Troicki
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Radiation Oncology
Lankenau Hospital-PA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Tsung-Lin Roger Tsai
UT Med Branch at Galveston-TX
Plastic Surgery
Jason George Ulrichs
Med College of Wisconsin-WI
Anesthesiology
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Robert Nolan Uniszkiewicz
Naval Hospital Pensacola -FL
Family Medicine
Byron Vaughn
Beth Israel Deaconess-MA
Internal Medicine
Mark Leslie Villalon
Boston University Med Ctr-MA
Internal Medicine
Milan Vasant Vora
Univ of Maryland Med Ctr-MD
Emergency Medicine
Kelly Marie Wanamaker
Allegheny General Hospital-PA
General Surgery
Justin DAnnibale Weigand
Yale New Haven Hospital-CT
Pediatrics
Michael Juor-Chiang Wong
UMDNJ RWJ Piscataway-NJ
Anesthesiology
DUCOM/HUH-PA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Sarah M. Wood
Childrens Hospital of Phila-PA
Pediatrics
Serena Wu
UC Davis Medical Center-CA
Psychiatry/Family Medicine
Julie XiuLi Xu
Childrens Hospital of LA-CA
Pediatrics
Christal Marie Young
Naval Med Ctr San Diego-CA
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Susy Ann Yusung
Harbor-UCLA Med Center-CA
Pediatrics

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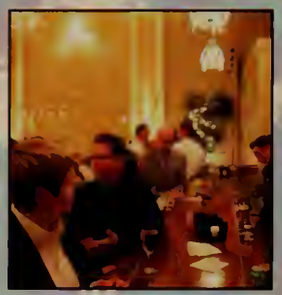

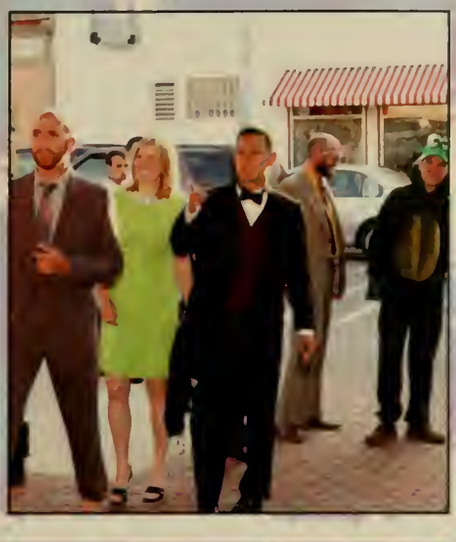

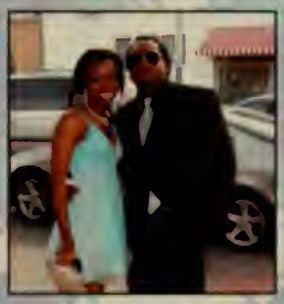
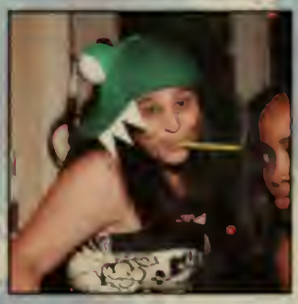

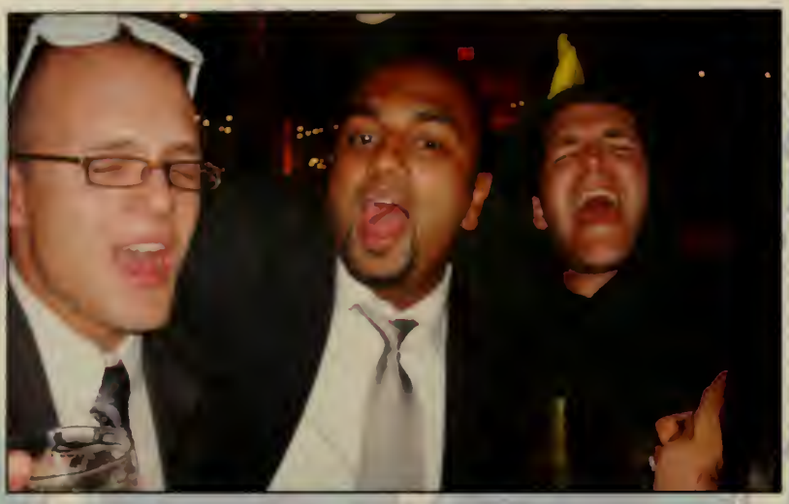

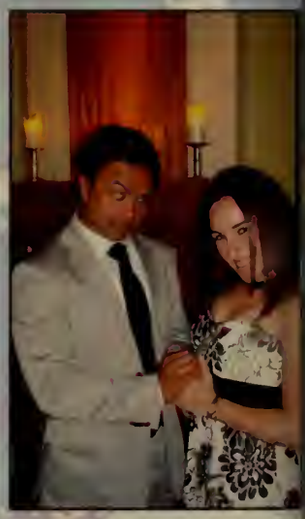

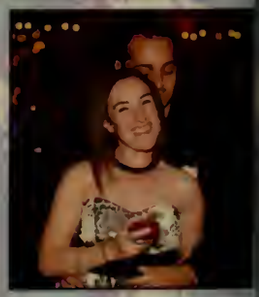

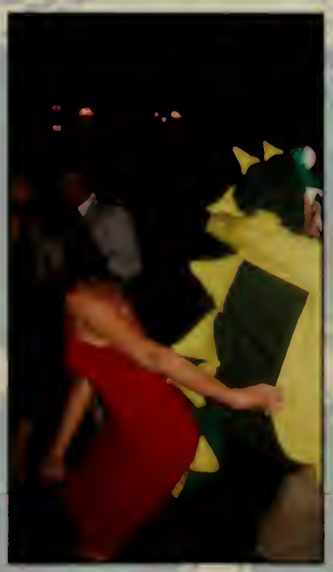

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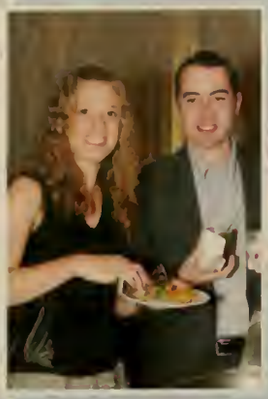

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2008 AOA Inductees

Kimberly Ann Albrecht
Mark Robert Anderson
Farah Awadalla
Katherine Rotondo Baker
Ryan Michael Calahan
Maria Syl de la Cruz
Ryan Kilian Duffy
Elysia Marie Engelage
Abbey Leigh Fingeret
Rebecca Anne Fox
Sandi-Jo Galati
Lisa Kay Gibson
Israel Green-Hopkins
Zachary Scott Hoffer
Amy Hyun Kyung Hwang
Kiana Kashef
Stephanie Diane Keler
Steven H. Kim
Jessica Hope Klausmeier
Jodi Langer
David Ansley Lawrence
Annette Meliza Lopez
Marcelo Ramin Malakooti
Abhijith Dev Maly
Ajay Mahesh Manchandia
Jacob Christian Miss
Nikhil K. Mul
Mona M. Patel
Steve Casey Puglese
James Roth
Inderpreet Singh Sani
Pooja Sharma
Dennis Michael Sopka
Ksenia Stafeeva
Amaal Jilani Starling
Michael Charles Tressler
Byron Vaughn
Sarah M. Wood

Senior Awards Recipients

Robert O'Maley
Abbey Fingeret*
Amaal Starling
Stephanie Keler
Christian Athanassious*
Rebecca Fox
James Roth
Israel Green-Hopkins
Jodi Langer
Reagan Schaplow
Richard Kiel*
Mona Patel
Steven Kim
Vijay Bapat
David Lawrence
Sarah Wood
Chau Che
Gabriel Flaxman*
Karen Lee
Dan Choi
Jacob Miss
Marcelo Malakooti*
Mala Tanna
Daniele D'Avolio
Marcy Byrns
Bonnie Lau
Yasmeen Agosti
Steve Puglese
Filip Trocki*
Sandi-Jo Galati
Carl Allen Bernas
Gauri Kelekar
Elysia Engelage
Byron Vaughn
Zachary Hoffer*
Rajeev Mohan
Sara Spettel Aliyar*
Adam Holeran
Elizabeth Purcel
Dennis Sopka*
Laura Dougherty Napier
JoAnn Eng
Erika Lynn Deraleau
Leonardo Santana
Nirav Amin
Erin Sterenson
Nikhil Mul
Anand Jain*
Ele Lozares-Lewis
Jennifer Manchan
Inderpreet Singh Sani
Amy Leverson
Maria Georgiades
Romi Hayon*
Maria Syl de la Cruz
Rebecca Miller
Kelly Wanamaker
Amy Hwang
Mark Anderson
Annette Lopez
La Toia Marks
Melissa Cruz
Nida Chaudhary
Raza Shah
Michael Tressler
Prashant Bakhru

* received more than 1 award

Graduation

Drexel University College of Medicine

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Oath of Hippocrates

I solemnly swear or affirm,
by whatever I hold most sacred;

That I will be loyal to the
profession of medicine and just
and generous to its members;

That I will lead my life and practice
my art in uprightness and in honor;

That into whatsoever house I shall enter, it
shall be for the good of the sick to the
utmost of my power, holding myself far
aloof from wrong, from corruption, from the
tempting of others to vice;

That I will exercise my art solely for the
benefit of my patient, and will give no drug,
or perform no operation, for a criminal
purpose, even if solicited, far less suggest it;

That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the
lives of patients which is not fitting to be
spoken, I will keep inviolably secret.

These things I do swear or affirm.

Graduation Remarks
Ronni Hayon, MD.

Dr. Palladino, Dean Homan, Dr. Schnider, Dr. Parrish, distinguished faculty, dedicated staff, honored guests, fellow graduates, families, friends and loved ones. Thank you so much for being here with us today, and for all your unwavering support that has brought us to this moment.

What a tremendous day, this is. We have all worked incredibly hard to reach this moment, and we have been hearing a lot of words from those who are here with us today. Words like pride, and accomplishment, hope, and excellence.

I have one more word for you: fear.

That's right, fear. Palpitation-inducing, deodorant-defying, sends-you-searching-for-the-nearest-restroom kind of fear. Because while it is true that this is a joyous day, full of pride, accomplishment, hope and excellence, it is also true that there are many of us here today who are scared out of our minds.

Friends and family, I'm terribly sorry if this somehow tarnishes the grand image you have of your beloved graduate. Perhaps you imagined your son or daughter throwing off their robe and mortar board, and jumping onto a passing ambulance, charging head-long into the nearest ER, ordering lab tests and procedures (STAT!) that will save someone from a grisly fate.

Perhaps your vision is of returning home tonight and watching your freshly minted grad on the nightly news, humbly accepting accolades for ground-breaking research that will indelibly change the face of science as we know it.

What on earth could your perfect, brilliant, generous grad be afraid of?

To be brief:

Perhaps we fear letting a patient down in a time of great need. Perhaps it is the fear of making a mistake in the lab, in the lecture hall or in the OR. Maybe we are troubled by a simple, yet poignant fear of mediocrity. Perhaps what we are all trying to overcome is the terrible fear that we are in this alone.

But here's the thing. I don't think these fears are anything to be ashamed of. Rather, I submit to you that these fears are actually born out of a very deep sense of responsibility. It is a sense of responsibility to ourselves, our colleagues, our patients, and to you. It is a sense of responsibility to leave this world a little better than we found it. It is a sense of responsibility to actually do something with all this education and opportunity we have been so fortunate to receive.

So how do we deal with these fears, then? I don't think the goal is to eliminate the fears; to vanquish them and emerge triumphant, golden and fearless. Rather, we must examine them, and seek out the root.

A family friend recently told me, Graduating from medical school does not give you permission to be a doctor. It gives you permission to get the rest of the training that you need to become a doctor. And I think that holds true for all of us graduating today, not just those of us who are becoming medical doctors. The new letters behind our names don't magically imbue us with the answers to all life's questions. Nor do they mean we are bearing the burden of our new careers alone.

This is our stepping stone. We are perched on the precipice, but gratefully, we are not alone. We are here today standing on the shoulders of those that came before us, and we are shored up by those that stand beside us right now.

Every fearful moment is an opportunity to do good. To show strength and humility at the same time. To choose honesty over ego. To choose to ease suffering rather than turn our faces from it. To choose beneficence over financial gain. Every fearful moment is an opportunity to live up to our potential.

So be afraid. Be very afraid.

And then do what you were meant to do.

Do great things.

Live up to your potential.

Thank you very much.

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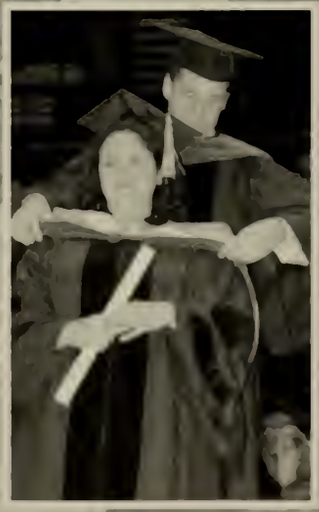

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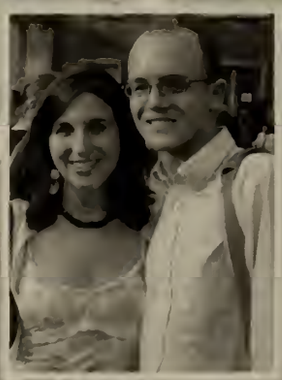

Class of 2009

Drexel Univ College of Medicine

We gave you our notes...

Class of 2010

Underclasssmen

We passed on our knowledge

Class of 2011

Class of 2009

HABIT FORMING

Class of 2010

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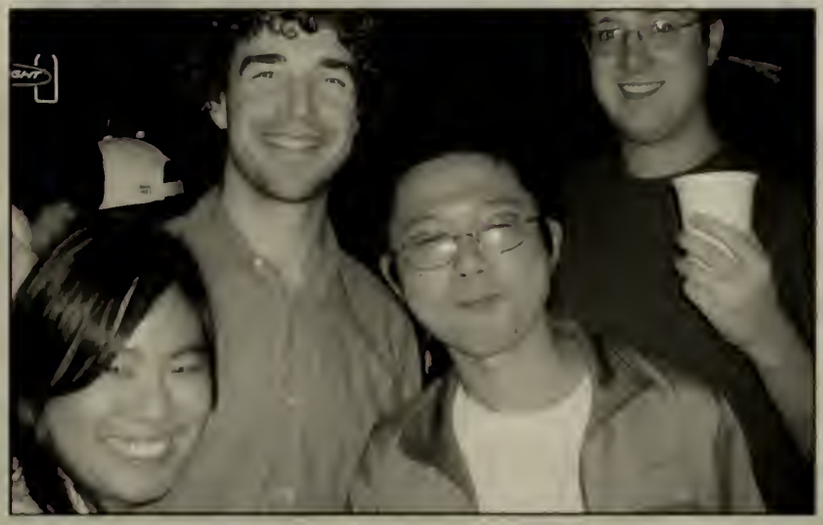

class of 2011

Final Farewell From Your

To the class of 2008,

As idealistic 3rd year medical students, we ran for the office of yearbook editors, ready to embark on the journey of compiling this tiny collection of our memories for you, the Class of 2008, that would sit on your shelves for the rest of eternity. We dreamt of channeling our collective energies into creating the best yearbook anyone had ever seen.

In August of 2007, we began the onerous task of organizing ourselves and creating deadlines for the year to come. We remained optimistic in the abilities of our classmates to meet these deadlines. We began by soliciting you and your families in efforts to support the creation of this wonderful yearbook. We created websites, stuffed envelopes and sent you countless emails until we were cyanotic.

As the fall quickly came upon us, we began spending the endless hours uploading photos, playing with fonts and changing layouts to create this masterpiece, meanwhile waiting for those senior pages to start rolling in. Slowly but surely, more and more of you came through and provided us with our requested goods.

2008 Yearbook Editors

Now that the year is over and we have alas received the MD that we've all worked so hard for, we can finally sit back and enjoy reminiscing about the past before moving on to our future endeavors. The moments that you've captured are the heart of this book and we hope you enjoy reliving the memories as we have while creating this book for you!

Violet

This book would not have been possible without the support and guidance of Shay Myers, Marie Hartman, and Phil Klein, our Jostens Representative. We would also like to thank the SGA, the Office of Student Affairs, Carl Wolf Studios, Frank Lake, the underclassmen yearbook editors and you, the Class of 2008.

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Many thanks to families, friends, the Drexel community and affiliate hospitals who supported the yearbook.

Last but not least, we thank our friends and families who put up with us and supported us while we put this yearbook together.

Jess :)

Congratulations to the Class of 2008!
Sincerely,
Violet Fernandes, Allison Horowitz, & Jessika Srunk

Messages From Loved Ones

Karin A. Reed, M.D. Congratulations on an incredible accomplishment! You will make a wonderful and caring doctor. We are so proud of you, Dr. Karin A. Reed! Love, Mom and Dad

To Our Granddaughter, Sandi-Jo Galati: We are so very proud of you! Love, Pop-pop and Grandma Bubba

Sandi-Jo: Congratulations on your outstanding achievement. We are so proud of you! Love, Mom and Craig

Elizabeth A. Juhas: We're so proud of the courage and heart it took to undertake such a noble path. You blessed our lives on that cool September morning and you warm our hearts again and again with every step you make. We love you! Mom & Dad

Erin,
Congratulations on being this much closer to a dream! I don't think I could be much more proud of you. Dr. Sheinfeld and the whole Clark Street E.R. Team also send their very best.
Love, Your Brother Brett

Jessika Marie Strunk, M.D.
As long as we can remember you always wanted to be a doctor. Congratulations on filling your childhood dream and being the first doctor in the family.
With love and pride,
Mom, Dad, Korrinn and Aryk

Karen L. Lee: Congratulations on fulfilling your dream of becoming a doctor! We are all so proud of you!! May God bless you in your future career, life and endeavors. With much love, Grandpa, Grandma, Dad, Mom, Christopher, Jessica, Kenneth, and extended family.

Ronni Hayon, M.D.
The first Hayon to graduate medical school;
The pride and joy of your paparoni;
The greatest example of hard work, determination, and caring
With our love and congratulations,
Mamacita, Oren, Julie, Avi, Aunt Deb, and Kathleen

Charles C. Stehman:
Congratulations Charlie! We are all so proud of you. With love, Mom, Dad, Katie and Jesse

Marcy Byrns: Congratulations to my dearest granddaughter. You are so special to me and I am so proud of you. Grandma C.

Congratulations Marcy! I am so proud of you. I love you very much. Grandma Larson

Dear Todd,
We are so proud of all you have accomplished in the past.
We are looking forward to all you will do in the future.
We are sending love and congratulations to you now.
The Friedmans

Ryan M. Callahan, I am so very proud of you. Your thoughtfulness and selflessness remains intact even after your long journey. Congratulations in reaching your goal. You will make a wonderful Doctor. I love you! Mom

Katie Baker: Congratulations Dr. Katherine R. Baker. You have accomplished so much, the best we know is yet to come. We are so very very proud of you!
Love Mom, Dad & brother Jack

Messages From Loved Ones

Violet Maria Fernandes:
*We are proud of you, you are definitely our favorite daughter and we are not just saying it because you are our only daughter! Mom & Dad
*Congratulations! Now I can retire and not worry about working anymore, I will send you my bank information for direct deposit. Edwin
*You did great, Congratulations! Your favorite brother Patrick
*Yes! Finally all your hard work paid off, we get free medical advice! Matthew

Raina K Sidhu: Congrats! Doctor sis! We are very proud of you and love you so much!
Love, Sandeep, Hareeta, Alayna, Rowan, Don and Lucy

Congratulations Rob on your achievement. You worked hard to reach your goal remaining always caring and thoughtful. We are so proud of you. God bless you in your future.
Mom, Dad, Jim and Mark

Dr. Steven Pugliese:
i carry your heart with me (i carry it in my heart) i am never without it (anywhere i go you go my dear; and whatever is done by only me is your doing, my darling). i fear no fate (for you are my fate, my sweet) i want no world (for beautiful you are my world, my true) and its you are whatever a moon has always meant and whatever a sun will always sing is you. here is the deepest secret nobody knows (here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud and the sky of the sky of a tree called life; which grows higher than soul can hope or mind can hide) and this is the wonder thats keeping the stars apart. i carry your hear (i carry it in my heart)
ee cummings
I am so proud of you. I love you, Mom

For Marcelo Malakooti,
Thanks for the memories
Watching you in med school
Hearing stories of babies stool

We learned about circumcisions
And how you made incisions

Now your father's broke
He just might have a stroke
But we are not that scared
Because now you are prepared!

Thank you so much, your family

Heath Franklin Dreyfuss, M.D.: With all of your hard work, your dream has been realized. We are so filled with pride and know you'll be successful! Much love always and forever, Mom, Dad, Heidi, Hayley, Heather and Steve

Congratulations Heath! With love from your close friends, Boy-High, Hassan, Danny Pish, Bob Shlain, Laura Schmavitz, Jeckle, Leckle, and Friendly. Cheers, chicken piccante!

Adrienne Hope North: You are amazing! Determination, hard work, and perseverance have brought you to this graduation day. Congratulations on becoming a doctor and making this world better! Love, Mom, Dad, Michelle, Zach, Joey, Leslie, Sherri, Darren and Phoebe

Rachel Emily Morris: Congratulations! Mazel Tov! You make your whole family so happy and proud!

Hina Mirzan: Congratulations, Hina! You made it! We are so proud of you and wish you all the best. With love, Mom, Dad, Hamad, & Haares.

Congratulations, Sharifa, from Mama and Daddy (Dr. Charles and Mrs. Sandra Glass) and sisters: Zakiya, Jamila, and Aziza. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

Congratulations!

The saying goes:
"many are called, few are chosen."
You were definitely chosen and
we're so proud. Congratulations!
--The Starling Family

Amaal,
Our first born! Remember, how we called you our little mermaid!
Now you really grew those legs you longed for in your dreams!
We can only imagine you, not just walking, but running to
explore the new horizons in your field of interest where few
have ever gone before! We wish you a great career and may
God bless you to fulfill more of your dreams and aspirations!
-- Amu & Abi

Few words capture who you are:
Love,
Determination,
Inspiration,
Strength,
Beauty.
Congratulations baby,
you did it!
--Your Robert

Apu,
Congratulations! You have achieved your dream! I am confident that you will make a very good doctor. You have always been there for me and I love you. By the way, it's too early to tell, but I am thinking of getting into law school just in case you need any help. Jis' Kiddin'!
- Aaliya

Amaal Apu,
Congratulations! We are all very proud of you!
By the way, if you need a good practice spot for your residency, don't forget you got a whole village here!
-- your "Phoenix Phans"

You always knew you
wanted to be a Doctor...

Congratulations Doctor Ali,
you fulfilled your dreams!
We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jen and Fluffy

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We remember catching you looking at your brother's college anatomy and physiology book instead of doing your sixth grade math. You had a dream then and you made it come true. Congratulations!

Love,
Dad and Mom

Dear Joey,

Congratulations! We are so proud of your accomplishment. We know your kindness, warmth, and fine character will guide you in the future to be a fine physician.

Love,
Uncle Andy, Aunt Carol, Sippora and Rebecca

Saya Nagori, MD.

Saya(jiji):

We could not be more proud of you. While we always knew you were going to be successful, you have blown us away with your accomplishments. These past four years, you have proven yourself beyond a shadow of a doubt to be the outstanding physician we knew you would become. What's more, between studying for your exams and planning out your career, you never missed a beat with us. You are the most loving daughter, the most amazing, admirable older sister anyone could have asked for. Nothing can stop you now. Here's to you and your bright, bright future.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Anand

We salute all of your hardwork and perseverance during this journey, Captain Hoffer!
We are so proud of you and love you so much.

Love,
Your Wife, Cindy, and Puppy Medical Grad, Sophie Hoffer

Dear Lesley

"The best thing for being sad," replied Merlyn, beginning to puff and blow, "is to learn something. That is the only thing that never fails.

You may see the world about you devastated by evil lunatics, or know your honour trampled in the sewers of baser minds.

Learn why the world wags and what wags it. That is the only thing which the mind can never exhaust, never alienate, never be tortured by, never fear or distrust, and never dream of regretting.

Look at what a lot of things there are to learn -- pure science, the only purity there is. You can learn astronomy in a lifetime, natural history in three, literature in six. And then, after you have exhausted a milliard lifetimes in biology and medicine and theocriticism and geography and history and economics -- why, you can start to make a cartwheel out of the appropriate wood, or spend fifty years learning to begin to learn to beat your adversary at fencing. After that you can start again on mathematics . . ."

T.H. White, The Once and Future King

Love . . . Marmie, Daddy & Monie

Rachna Krishan,

The determination, hard work and courage that drove you to achieve the novel pursuit of medicine will equip you to one day help the helpless and enrich the lives of others. We are very proud that you have persevered and fulfilled your life long dream of becoming an MD.

WITH LOVE,

MOM, DAD, AJAY, ADITI, GAURAV

Joseph Sanders, M.D.

Mazel Tov Joey on your graduation from medical school! We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments.

May your commitment and efforts reap success in all of your future endeavors.

With pride and love,
Celia, Michael, Chani and Yitzi

Rebecca A. Fox, M.D.

'Dr. Becky'---we love you and we're proud of you!

It is nobel, indeed to assist
others in finding long life.
But it is most nobel to assist
others in finding Eternal Life.

Mom, Dad, Grandma
and your brothers and sisters

SHAH

This means that in order to be a good doctor a man must also have a good character, that is to say, whatever weaknesses and foibles he may have, he must love his fellow human beings in the concrete and desire their good before his own. -W.H. (Wystan Hugh) Auden

Congratulations Sapna!
With Love,
Mom, Dad, Shailaja, Ryan & Seema

Congratulations Dr. Edward Y. Kwon!

You've worked so hard and we are very proud of you.

You always make us smile and we are blessed to know that your hard work, effort and achievement will make many other people smile.

With our Pride and Love,

Mom, Dad, Larry, Julie and Doogie

To our dearest nephew Joey,

Mazel Tov on your graduation and all your achievements.
May you go from strength to strength.

With much love,
Aunt Ann and Uncle Howie and Family

Dominick G. Sudano, MD

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." (Thoreau)

Congratulations Doctor! We are very proud of you in making your dream come true.

Love - Mom, Dad and Victor

Congratulations to you and the Class of 2008!

Your compassion for and understanding of the people around you is evidence of your love and caring nature. Thank you for every moment of joy and happiness you've brought to us. You are not only God's gift to us, but you will also be to all those you help. May your future be as bright as your past..

Love,

Mom, Dad, Brother, Uncles, Aunts, Cousins & Friends

Congratulations Nicole,
We are all so proud of you!
You reached for your goal and worked hard to make your dream come true.
May God bless you and good luck in your future!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Oojin, Nick

The doctor is in!

Congratulations Gabriel,
We know you're going to make a wonderful family doc.
Your strength, dedication, integrity, generosity and compassion are an inspiration.
Much love,
Mom, Dad and Michael

Adam D. Coker, M.D.

Congratulations Adam!
This has always been your dream since you were four years old and now it is coming true.
We are so proud of your hard work and dedication.
May God's hands continue to guide your every step as you move forward in your medicine career.

With Love,
Dad, Mom, Rachel, Brian and Heather

Joseph Sanders, M.D.

You carry your Grandfather's name.
You have so many of his wonderful qualities - kindness, loyalty, generosity and genuine caring for your fellow man.
I am so proud of you! Congratulations.

Love,
Bobbi Markel

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Yasmeen Mele Agosti

"WISDOM COMES ONLY WHEN YOU STOP LOOKING FOR IT AND START TRULY LIVING THE LIFE THE CREATOR INTENDED FOR YOU"

So proud of you - always
Mom, Dad, Brother

Matthew E. Miller, M.D.

Congratulations on your graduation.
Best now and always.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Brian, Jessica and Janine

Byron Vaughn:

There is a great man who makes every man feel small.
But the real great man is the man who makes every
man feel great.
-Gilbert K. Chesterson

Congratulations Byron!
Love, Mom, Dad and Bethany

Michael Paul Palmer, M.D.

With Love & Congratulations
From your biggest fans,
Mom, Dad, Michelle, Grandma Tootsie,
Grandma Betty, Aunt "P", Aunt Kathy, Jamie,
Jaidalyne, Jennifer & Ashley

Our Dear Mercedes,

Starting at an early age you had dreams of becoming a doctor, and you set your goals and prepared your pathway to make your dreams a reality.

In fulfilling your dreams you have become such a positive role model to not only your family but to young people by showing them that dreams do come true with determination, hard work and belief in yourself.

We are so proud of all you have accomplished and all that you will achieve in the future. We know that you will touch many lives with your loving, and caring personality and your ability to reach out to those who are in need of your help.

Always remember you have a family that loves you dearly and will support whatever dreams and goals that you set for yourself in the pursuit of your happiness.

Dr. Nirav Amin

Dr. Nirav Amin, welcome to Doctors family, dad, your sister and now you. Congratulations-Love, Mom, Dad, Arpita, Neeloy and new arrival Ria

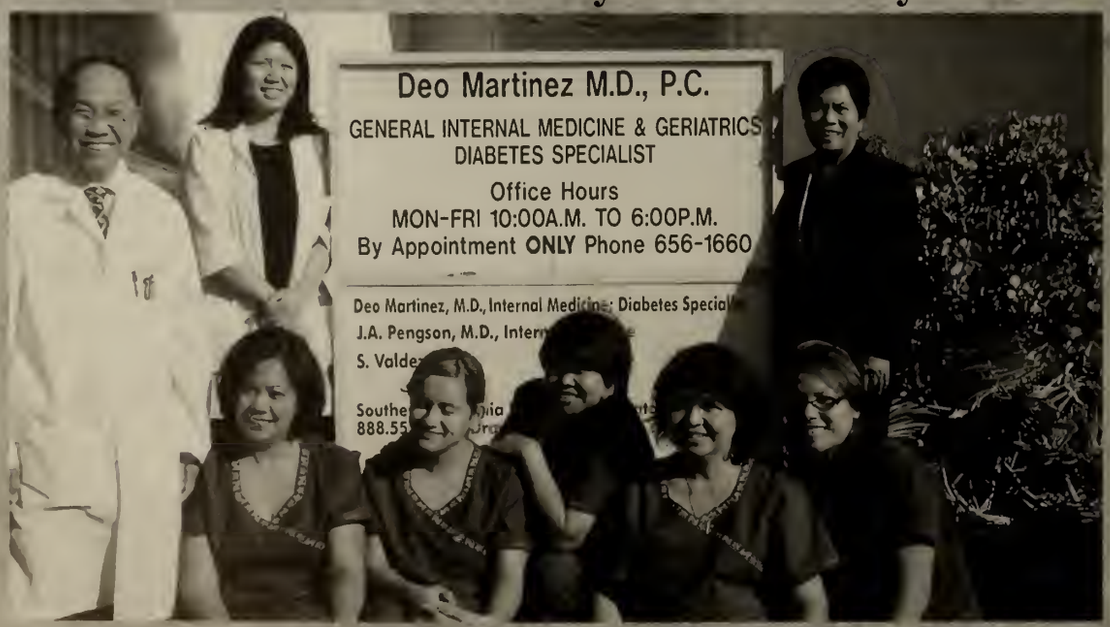
Adrienne Hope North

Your smile, compassion, kindness and consideration for others draw people to you like a magnet. Pediatrics is your destiny and we are so proud you have accomplished your goal of becoming a doctor!
Keep smiling and enjoy the rewards of all your hard work!
Our love and support always,
Mom and Dad

Dear Daryl,

You have never chosen the path of lease resistance. Through challenging times, you have relentlessly labored to succeed...all the while showing strength of character and generosity of spirit. We are all so proud of you. CONGRATULATIONS!

The Martinez medical clinic & staff wish you the best in your residency!



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RAJEEV WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST AND CONTINUED SUCCESS.

LOVE

MOM, DAD AND NAVEEN

Ritu,

From Stinky-Poo to Dr. Mahajan, no words can express our pride, love or joy...no matter what path life leads you down, always know that the four of us will be walking hand-in-hand alongside with you...

You Go Girlfriend!!

With all our love & blessings,

Daddy, Mummy,
Raakhee, Rohini

Dr. Nicole L. Camp

We are so proud of you.
You did it with hard work.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Jr.

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. Proverbs 16:3

Scot-

May God continue to bless you as you honor Him in your new profession. As you heal the body, also comfort the soul of your patients. We are very proud of you!

All our love,
Mom & Dad

Jason Ulrichs, M.D.

Congratulations!

After much hard work, you have successfully completed a long journey and we are very proud of you, Dr. Jay. Now you will start a new journey and we wish you much success in that too. In the future your skills will enable you to do much good in this world.

With love,
Dad & Liz

Eric Donald Biewenga, M.D.

Congratulations, Eric! We're so proud of you!! You've done such an awesome job and we look forward to seeing all the great things God does for you! Love, Mom

You so fine, you so fine, you blow my mind!
Love, Kelley

Marcy Byrns, M.D.

Congratulations on your accomplishments. You set a goal of becoming a doctor at a very young age and did not let the adversity of life deter you from your goal. We are so proud of you.

Love, Dad and Mom

Zak Hoffer, Ph.D., M.D.

Then: a polyester leisure suit
a shy grin
and a nursery school diploma

Now: a white coat
a Commissioned Office in the U.S. Army
a Ph.D. in Neuroscience
a Doctor of Medicine

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All our love,
Cindy & Sophie, Mom & Ken, Dad & K.B. Mac & Christine

From the cutest little guy with a perfect side part,
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To an avid Wolverine with perseverance and strength,
Achieving victory by going to every length,
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With much love and pride, it's easy to say
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Love, Mom, Dad, Heidi, Hayley, Heather and Steve

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Kiel

R.G. and Lisa, we are so very proud of you both in this magnificent achievement; R.G., for all the hard work and dedication you have put into your studies, and Lisa, for you never-ending love and support in helping our son make his dreams come true.

With love, Dad and Mom

JoAnn Eng, M.D.

Congratulations! I'm very proud of you. I will always support you, even though this is the first time I won't be married to a student.

I love you.
David

We all dreamed it together, but it's you who made it happen.

Dr. Mark L. Villalon

Congratulations

Love,

Dad, Mom and Andre

"Destiny! Destiny! Can't escape my destiny!"
Young Frankenstein

Michael C. Tressler, M.D.

Congratulations!

With our love and pride,
Dad, Mom and Nick

Patricia Loo, M.D.

Follow your dreams and your heart, both in your life and in your profession.

Congratulations on your well-deserved achievements.
We are all very proud of you!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Al and Leo

Elizabeth Lozares-Lewis

We are all so very proud of you. You've always wanted to help others, and you chose a way to make that part of your life. You set your sights on a goal, and worked intelligently, patiently, and tirelessly to reach it. And all the while you dedicated yourself to your journey, you never lost sign of the importance of family, and of raising your daughter with love and wisdom. It shows, and it's a beautiful thing. No one could be more proud of you than we are.

With love,
Dad, Mom, Larry and David

Joseph Sanders, M.D.

Sunrise Sunset,

When did he get to be so tall?
Wasn't it just yesterday he was so small?
What words of wisdom can we give him?
How can we help ease his way?
Sunrise Sunset, Sunrise Sunset
Swiftly fly the years.
Now he stands before us beaming
Laden with happiness and cheers.
Congratulations Joey - with all of our love.
Mom and Dad

Sunrise Sunset,

Sunrise Sunset.

Dearest Esther,

Congratulations on a job well done! We are very proud of you! We love you so much. Ever since the day you were born, we knew that God entrusted us with a very precious gift. The gift is You! You have grown into a smart, beautiful, kind and caring individual. We are excited to see the great things that God has in store for you. We pray that God continues to grant you wisdom, knowledge, strength and courage as He uses you to help many lives. We are honored and truly blessed to have you in our family. May God bless you.

With lots of love, hugs and kisses,

Mommy, Daddy, Lalita, Julia, Chris, Joyce and Lucky

Dr. Todd Alter

You persevered and never lost sight of your goal, fulfilling the dream we all shared with you.

Much love and congratulations,

Mom, Dad, Lee and Ceci

Dana L. Crosby-Congratulations to our very lovely and gifted daughter, Dr. Dana L. Crosby. You have worked so hard and we are so proud of you, as you should be of yourself. You are so intelligent and caring. It will not take your patients very long to realize that they are being cared for by the very best. We Love You. You're Awesome Doc!

All Our Love,
Mom & Dad

Jeremy J. Michel, M.D.

Like a duck takes to water,
You have found your natural place in life may all the children you take care of be as lucky.

Congratulations & Love
Mom, Dad, Jon, Jen, Irene
Grandpa Ernest &
All the rest of your family

Coleen Schrepfer, M.D.

The practice of medicine is an art, not a trade;
a calling, not a business;
a calling in which your heart will be exercised
equally with your head. -Sir William Osler

Your dream is becoming a reality and now it is time for you to celebrate your achievement.
Congratulations Coleen! We are so proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Bill, Mom-Mom, Rob, Lauren & Brody

"Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something, and that this thing, at whatever cost, must be attained."

Madam Marie Curie

Dr. Lara Hart,
We couldn't be prouder!
Love,
Mom, Gabby, and the whole clan!

Christal, we thought you would choose the Medical path.
Mission accomplished.
Congratulations.
Love, Mom & Dad

Bobby Awadalla M.D.,

At five years old you first acknowledged your desire to become a doctor and today is a day of joy for us to see your dream come true. We noticed your efforts and dedication day by day and we are so proud of you.
Your achievements thus far are great in our hearts.
There is no doubt that you will make an excellent doctor.
You are truly one of a kind!
We love you very much and support you in all that you do.
We wish you a career full of successes and endless accomplishments.

Love,

Dad, Mom, Mary & Danny, Vassoula & Hany

TSUNG-LIN ROGER TSAI, M.D.

We are so proud that you have unwaveringly achieved the goal you set for yourself so long ago. Now you will begin on a new journey to experience the benefits of your hard work. We can't wait to continue supporting you through your new endeavors! Congratulations Roger!!

WITH OUR PRIDE AND MUCH LOVE,
MOM, DAD, AND DIANA

Dear Dr. Sis-Poo,
We are so very proud of you!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Duda, Gran
and all your extended
family

AMY LEVENSON, M.D.

Some time ago you defined your goal clearly, worked hard to achieve it and succeeded.
Be proud of your achievement.
With much love and pride,
Mom, Dad, and Ian

ERIN STERENSON, M.D.

When you announced, many years ago, that you planned to be a doctor, and not a "cash register lady at Foodtown", we all smiled in amusement.

Today we smile with unimaginable pride.
Congratulations, "Dr. Erin".

Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Adam!
You made it.
Dr. Adam Abdulally
Love,
Mom, Dad, Mandi & Adnan

We're so proud of your accomplishments, but above all - of the person that you have become.

Mark L. Villalon

With Love,

Papa, Mama, Tito Danny, Tito Joseph, and Ate Emma

Nicole Quiterio, MD.

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.

Congratulations Nicole! We are so very proud of you.

Love and God Bless,
Dad, Mom, Shane, Sally-Ann, Amanda, Erik, and Hailey

Cynelle J. Murray, M.D.

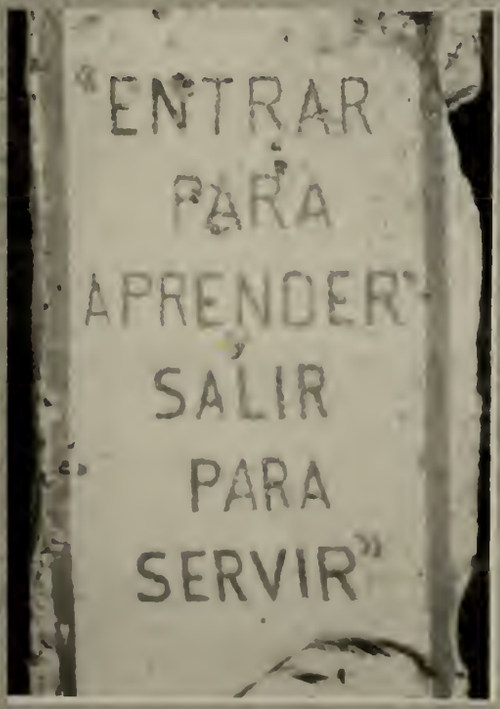
You set yourself a goal many years, and you worked steadily toward it. Now you should take pride in your achievement.

With the greatest pride and joy,

Dad, Mom, Ceon and Cynique

Ryan Killian Duffy, M.D.

Now you can take this to a new level:



Love,
Dad, Mom, and Sean

Semhar Mahmud, M.D.

You always said you wanted to become a doctor; it was always your dream.
You can stop dreaming now because it has become reality.
We are so proud of you.
Congratulations on your wonderful achievement!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Adem, and Iman

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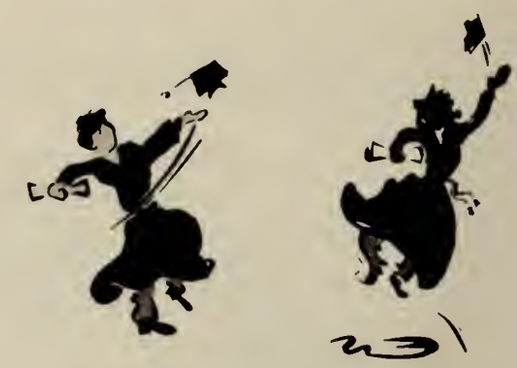

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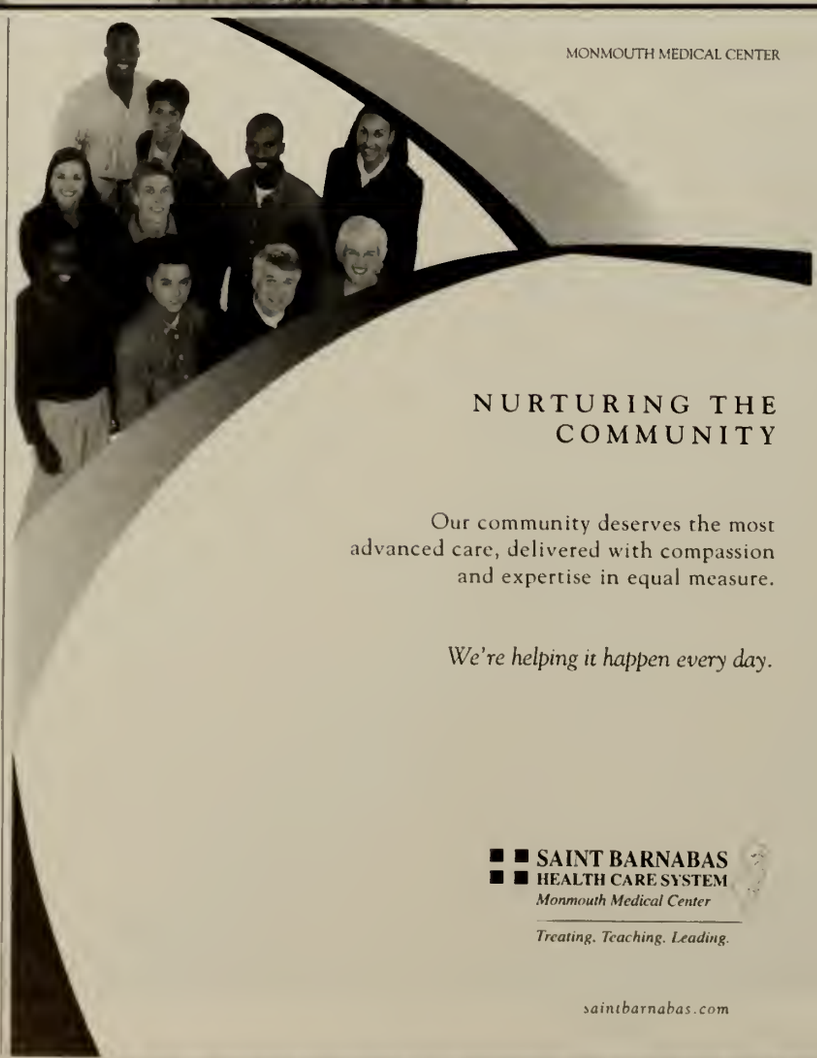

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